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Item No.	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	REASON FOR CONTACT
1.	27 Sept. 1963	1037	Soviet Embassy	Visa for Cuba, 1037
2.	27 Sept. 1963	1605	Silvia Ivanovna calls Soviet Embassy (MO)	Visa for Cuba, 1605

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Soviet Embassy/ calls Silvia Ivanovna of Cuban Embassy

Lee Harvey OSWALD P-8593

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REASON FOR CONTACT

Wants visa to go to Odessa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.

Silvia tells MO that the American citizen was there, the one who wants a visa for Cuba on his way to the Soviet Union and he wants to know with whom he was talking there because she (Silvia) had sent him to the Soviet Embassy saying that if they accepted him and gave him a visa then the Cubans (Embassy) would also give him a visa without further paper work only advising Immigration in Cuba and he wants to know with whom he had talked there because he says he was told there would be no problem. MO says to wait a moment. A different MO comes to phone and Silvia explains the same thing to him. This MO says to leave name and telephone number and he will call back. Silvia gives telephone 11-28-47 (Cuban Consulate). Silvia takes advantage of the phone call and states she has moved and wants to advise the Soviet Embassy of her change of address so that she can receive the bulletin. MO says to call KOUZARENKO to give her new address, then MO asks the name of the Consul or Cultural Attaché. Silvia says the name is Teresa PIERENZA and the telephone number is 11-13-26. MO says thanks.

MO asks Silvia if the American had been there. Silvia says no is there now. MO says the American showed papers from the Consulate in Washington, that he wants to go to the Soviet Union and be there for a long time with his wife who is Russian, but the answer has not come from Washington in respect to this problem, and according to this procedure it takes four or five months, but without having permission from the Soviet Union they should ask, or better said, they cannot issue a visa here without asking Washington; however, according to this man in favor of Cuba and that the Cubans said that they cannot issue a visa without him having a visa for the Soviet Union, and now MO does not know what to do with him (the American); because they have to wait for the answer from Washington.

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Cuban Consulate to turn passport photos over to Consul AZCUE, etc., etc. At the end of Sept ALVARADO phoned American Emb several times to report his belief someone important in U.S. to be killed, used name JORGE KNAUTH (phonetic) to protect identity. Was asked if call related visa matter. Replied no, political matter, wished to speak to person of confidence. First time was screened by 2 females, finally spoke to man who said he would call back. ALVARADO left phone number 30-19-52 (since changed). Man never called. ALVARADO tried repeatedly contact Emb by phone was finally told "quit wasting our time. We are working here, not playing." When ALVARADO saw OSWALD photo in newspaper he again contacted Emb 25 Nov. ALVARADO is young, quiet, very serious person, who speaks with conviction. Knows enough English to understand conversation, had tank maintenance training in Canal Zone when with Rio Army. Says he still Nic Commie party mbr, was originally convinced Marxist, later became disillusioned, has been pending on agent for Nic Gov for past 4 yrs. Scheduled enter Cuba within 2 months. He explained he outraged by Kennedy publicity splash, hopes U.S. will keep name secret, but willing do whatever necessary. Lives at Pino No. 173, Col. Santa Maria de la Ribera, Tel. 41-07-31. Will accept phone call from "Rodolfo Cabaldon" to set time for next meeting which to take place front Juarez Monument, Parque Alameda.

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MEXI 7070 - [redacted] reported Mexi Secret Service intensified heavy surveillance of Sovemb starting afternoon 23 Nov. Also Sec Serv physical surveillance of KOSTIKOV earlier reported, according to [redacted] the Sec Serv started close obvious surveillance of Vitaly Borisovich SHUBIN (KGB) on 23 Nov. Note SHUBIN in past often accompanied KOSTIKOV on trips outside Sovemb

MEXI 7072 - (REF: A. MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) B. MEXI 7068 - Para 95; C. MEXI 7069 - Para 96 above) - Amb Mann asks following be sent by COS to Sec. Rust, Mr. Mc Cone and Mr. Hoover: This message represents combined suggestions of myself, Scott and Anderson: In view of Nic (Ref A) and info in long distance telephone between DORTICOS and HERNANDEZ (Ref B) we suggest Mexicans be informed concerning Ref A and Rio be put at disposition of LOPEZ Mateos on condition LOPEZ Mateos will agree to order rearrest and interrogate Silvia DURAN as follows: a) Confront Silvia with Nic and have Nic inform her of details his statement position as OSWALD prior to his assassination; her only chance for survival is to come clean with whole story and to cooperate completely with Mexi Gov in return for Mexi Gov protection. c) She will not in any case be allowed to leave Mexi. / Given apparent character of Silvia there would appear to be good chance of her cracking when confronted with details of deal between OSWALD, AZCUE, MIRABAL and Silvia and unknown Cuban negro. If she did break - and we suggest Mexicans should be asked to go all out in seeing that she does - we and Mexicans would have needed corroboration of statement of the Nic. Also suggest Mexi Gov identify and arrest unknown negro. Have Mexicans rearrest Silvia so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexi to Cuba or killed here. We lack established reliability of Nic, but suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle tends to corroborate authenticity of Nic statement. Thus, there appears

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to be strong a possibility that a down payment was made to OSWALD in Cub Emb here, Request instructions.

MEXI 7085 - (REF: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) FYI: ALVARADO now claims he CP penetration agent for CON. Request [REDACTED] consult Hissman on this one until further word from MEXI or DIR.

NEXT - 7084 - Amb Mann requested [redacted] officer be sent to Mexl to give him more details of OSMA/D/HUNSTEIN cases. This info only because it indicates Amb's feeling he not being fully enough informed of aspects of these cases in U.S.A. [redacted]

1. See Ref. B, which crossed DIR 85066 - not in file, not abstracted; A. MEXI 7024 - para 99 above MEXI 7092 (REFS: A. DIR 85066 - not in file, not abstracted). 2. Amb's feeling is he not fully briefed on cases. etc.// COS finds present C. [redacted] of best and most cooperative, etc.// COS opinion it is desirable [redacted] self officer to Mexi to satisfy Mr. Johnson can convince Amb that Chief [redacted] Ward will receive and make available to him all information concerning U.S. angles of these cases.

MEXI 7093 (REF: DIR 85198 - not in file, not abstracted). Appreciate prompt instructions. ALVARADO's story being checked. He being re-interviewed, and moved to safe address. Have asked ECHENVERRIA as of night 26 Nov to put close surveillance on DURAN.

MEXICO 1094 - A. Mr. Jose Guillermo Aguirre of Mexico told following to Pete Moraga, USIS, on 26 Nov. - A. Maria Rodriguez widow of Lopez said a son in law of hers who lives in New Orleans was well acquainted with OSWALD. B. Son-in-law is a Cuban, Arnesto RODRIGUEZ, Spanish language school, 18 anti-Castro. Tel. Vernadale 5-9658. C. Arnesto RODRIGUEZ runs a Spanish language school, 18 anti-Castro. D. According to Maria RODRIGUEZ de LOPEZ her son-in-law has taped conversations with OSWALD. E. Above will be passed to [redacted] here on 27 Nov. HQs may wish pass [redacted]

Note (para 102 above) from [redacted] on 26 Nov 63. Signed COS

MEXI 7095 - Following result of [redacted] investigation hotels: OSMAUD registered at small Hotel del Comercio, Salame 19, tel# 46-60-51, on 27 Sept 63. OSMAUD left this hotel on 1 Oct. [redacted] believes OSMAUD travelled from Nuevo Laredo to Monterrey by bus on 26 Sept then changed buses and continued on Amahuac bus line to Mexi City arriving in time on 27 Sept for 1037 telephone call to Scremb that date.

STANLEY HINGWING TELEGRAM Canada, Calgary, Control #359 - Local newspaper editor today told he visited Monday by one Hector Francis COSMERANO, new photographer from Culiacan. Cosmerano stated he travelled by bus late Sept Culiacan to Mex City with OSWALD. They attempted converse though OSWALD's Spanish poor. OSWALD gave informant personal card and pamphlet in English with many pictures Castro, both later discarded. On arrival MEXI City, noted acquaintanceship with a friend of the late President Kennedy.

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Amb. Juanita HERNANDEZ Armas calls Pres. DORTICOS of Cuba and reports there is nothing new on the Silvia DURAN case and that she had not said OSWALD was given money in the Cub Emb. Translation has been checked and is correct.

Memo to LEGAT from COS enclosing all conversations from [redacted] pertinent to OSWALD case, i.e., 27 Sept, 1037 hrs (para 1 above); 1605, (para 2 above); 1626 (para 3 above); 1158 (para 4 above); 1031 (para 5 above) 1 Oct.; 1035, 1 Oct (para 6 above marked 1045); 1539, 3 Oct (para 7 above). COS requested (underlined) no dissemination or discussion without prior and complete clearance and authorization of COS' organization.

STATE : telegram from Tijuana (control #385) saying Negative report on RUBENSTEIN alias RUDY with all possible spelling variations checked.

Memo to LEGAT from COS telling contents of para 102 above.

Memo to LEGAT from COS with copy of Amb. Mann's cable (para 97 above) and copy of Amb's draft of this cable.

DIR 85039 - Discussed with Mr. Alexis Johnson of State this afternoon Amb Mann's telegram requesting [redacted] officer travel MEXI for consultation on OSWALD case and other possible MEXI leads. Mr. Johnson is asking [redacted] expedite travel such officer and is enlisting assistance of Deputy Attorney General KATENBACH in this matter. Will advise.

DIR 85086 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) Subj ref is ALVARADO member of Frente de Liberacion Nacional (FLN) Mico exile revolutionary group which is Cuban supported and Communist dominated. ALVARADO is also known informant Mico intel service. Rolan ALVARADO, Carlos FONSECA Amador and Juan LORIO (possibly ident. v/ Juan LORILLO in ref) all well known Mico communists.

[redacted] 609 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 para 93 above) (also see para 82 above) - Full name Subj is Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte, B. 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rame, Zelaya, Mico. Subj, a mechanic, son of Cerrillo ALVARADO and Zelia de ALVARADO. Subj about 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, dark brown hair, dark complexion. Subj was informant for Mico Security Service from 62 until Aug 63 when his connection with Security discovered by FLN. After he "blown" in Aug 63, he rec'd small payment from Sec Serv and said he planned go El Salvador. He told Security he would write if he obtained any info of value. On 4 Oct Mico Serv rec'd letter from Subj in MEXI dated 2 Oct. Subj said he in position get info on 2 groups in Mexi, and mentioned E. TORRES, probably Edelberto TORRES, as being involved one group. Subj signed letter Jose UGARTE, pseudo assigned to him by Mico Serv, and gave address as Calz. Chavacana No. 142, Mexi 8. Mico Serv has had no contact with him since this letter. Subj was ultimate source several info. He appeared to be fairly good informant with good access to FLN info. Mico services

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considered him good informant, but said he might be inclined exaggerate. Should cease develop to point where Mexi and Hqs believe desirable break ALVARADO, [redacted] could probably arrange have Nic officer who handled him come Mexi to question him. Rolando ALVARADO Lopez, member Nic Commie Party (PSN), is ALVARADO's uncle. Juan LORITO Garcia, member of Central Committee of PSN, traveled [redacted] to Mexi on 14 Sept and returned to Nic on 17 Oct. Carlos FONSECA Amador, well known leader of FIM, last reported in Honduras as of early Nov.

DIR 85066 - Further to DIR 85039 (para 114 above) Mr. Johnson has informed me that Mr. KATZENBACH spoke with O [redacted] who contended that Mexi [redacted] office possessed all relevant info and that he was not disposed to send [redacted] officer to Mexi. Pls advise a) whether [redacted] Mexi does in fact have necessary info b) is it desirable in your opinion that [redacted] do send agent to Mexi?

DIR 85178 - (Ref: Mexi 7069, 7072 - para 96 and 97 above) Amb Mann's message relayed to addressees. Decision will be cabled after they confer. In your investigation, suggest you contact ALVARADO's Nic case officer in Mexi and ask him whether ALVARADO has ever told him this story or anything like it. You can do this without further authorization. Request you not take any action to re-arrest DURAN or arrest others without approval from here. Presume you are checking to see whether ALVARADO ever made phone calls to the American Embassy he claims to have made.

DIR 85198 - (Ref: DIR 85178 - para 118 above) We feel investigation and analysis of ALVARADO's story should be pursued further before more executive action is taken. In lieu of arresting DURAN, suggest she be put under close surveillance by KUBARK or by Mexi authorities. Note ALVARADO's claim he is still working for Nic Service and [redacted] belief he was dropped in Aug 63.

DIR 85258 (Ref: Mexi 7093 - para 101 above) - [redacted] says OSWALD applied for unemployment insurance in New Orleans on 17 Sept, one day before Alvarado says he saw him in Cuban Emb Mexi. [redacted] checking all airlines to see if he could have flown to Mexi by 18 Sept. He was in New Orleans on 25 Sept and left that day for Texas without paying his rent. He is believed to have been without funds during this period. [redacted] says his New Orleans landlady believes he was there continuously between 17 and 25 Sept. Above gives further reason to believe ALVARADO is fabricating.

DIR 85318 (Ref: Mexi 7101 which states COS was advised at 1215 Mexi time via Lic. ECHIVERRIA that Silvia DURAN has been rearrested because she was attempting to leave Mexi for Cuba. Request instructions.) - This instruction has been coordinated with [redacted] Mexi authorities should interrogate Silvia to extent necessary clarify outstanding points which been raised your cables last 40 hrs. You may provide questions to Mexi interrogators but we do not want any Americans to confront Silvia or be in contact with her. Advise results interrogation.

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DIR 85797 (Ref: 1609 - para 116 above) - Appreciate info ref. Defer MEXI whether or not they want Rio case officer to assist in interrogation.

MEXI 7097 (Ref: MEXI 7068 - para 95 above) Following is translation of a resume of follow up conversation to ref. Source is [redacted] has copy. Tapes being saved. HERNANDEZ Armas calls DOMINGOS of Cuba at 1939 hrs. (see para 110 above)

MEXI 7098 (Ref: MEXI 7069 - para 96 above) Two Station officers interviewed ALVARADO in safehouse again night 26 Nov with following results: Subj story remained substantially same as in ref. Subj recognized photos of Cub Emb personnel, Sylvia DURAN, Francisco LLAGOSTERA, ORESTES Ruiz, Samuel FERNANDEZ, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, Raul APARICIO, Rolando ESTEVA, Heberto JORRAN, Oscar CONCEPCION, Antonio GARCIA, Jose FERNANDEZ Roa, Andres ARMONA, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas, "Raul", Peregrina ALONSO, Luisa CALDERON, and Alfredo MIRAL. Did not know names of any but knew by sight and gave partial descriptions such as duties, height, skin coloring, condition of teeth, disposition, accent, etc., not discernable from phone. Identified photo of Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza as tall Cuban of para 9 ref and photo of Luisa CALDERON as pretty girl of para 12 ref. Quickly identified New Orleans mug shot reveals CALDERON planning more into Cub Emb 25 Nov. Said OSMALD had green passport in pocket and Subj believes he saw pistol in shoulder holster. Said OSMALD wore long shoes and had wrist watch with yellow metal band. Described how OSMALD slouched in chair in Consulate waiting room about noon 18 Sept, seemed to be at home, appeared to know and be badly pronounced. Subj refuted conversation and money-passing scene of para 10 and 11 OSMALD use word "kill" in first reply to negro, hence "You're not the man. I can kill him." Said U.S. banknotes were in small pack, about quarter inch thick at most with paper band which negro broke before counting out fifty hundred dollars for extra expenses and five thousand dollars as "advance". Subj said the still sergeant Nic Guardia civil. Entered Mexico illegally without travel documents 29 Aug paying bribe at border having transited Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala en route. Entered Mex in 1961 mission for secret service after contrived escape from false arrest in Nic followed by period of asylum in Mexi Emb. Said rec'd training at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone, in March 1956 (Note Subj only 16 yrs old at that time). Subj says he has been to Cub Consulate on 2 or 3 Sept, 15 or 16 Sept, 18 Sept, 19 Sept, 26 Sept and 25 Nov. Station photo coverage of Cub Emb did not include consulate gate until Oct, Subj not identified on photos of persons using Emb gate. Subj admits visiting Sovemb 6 or 7 times, about 4 times with TORRES. Is somewhat fuzzy on reasons for these visits, was not pressed for detail at this session. Subj has not been identified in photo coverage Sovemb, for Subj given 500 peso to enable him move out of present quarters to hotel or rooming house elsewhere in Mexi for next few days. Signed receipt in true name. Subj appears completely cooperative. Showing some signs of fearing for safety.

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MEXI 7104 Amb Mam asks that following be passed to Sec. Rusk. He presumes KUBARK and will be advised. Since my cable of yesterday (MEXI 7072 - para 97 above) there have been three principal developments: 1) Amb HERNANDEZ Armas at 1839 hrs last evening called DORTICOS of Cuba. In this conversation, which like the first is taped, DORTICOS expressed continued concern over possibility that Mexi police had interrogated Silva about money. 2) ALVARADO, the Nic, was questioned by CAS officer until two a.m. this morning. This officer was impressed by ALVARADO who has offered make himself available as a witness and who is now hiding in place provided by CAS. We cannot guarantee ALVARADO's safety. Wealth of detail ALVARADO gives about events and personalities involved with OSWALD in Cub Emb is striking. 3) At 1215 hrs Mexi time 27 Nov., CAS officer was phoned by ECHENERRIA that he had rearrested Silva today because he learned she was attempting to leave Mexi for Habana. However, Echeverria later told LEGAT that he had decided to rearrest Silva to avoid any possibility she might escape to Cuba and later be unavailable as a witness. Since we had received no reply to yesterday's telegram (MEXI 7072 - para 97 above) we have not requested Mexi gov to take any action against Silva except to maintain increased surveillance of her activities. Echeverria later denied to LEGAT that he had any specific concrete evidence that she was about to leave for Cuba. We do not now know which Echeverria statements are accurate. It is quite possible, and even probable, that contradictory statements made by Echeverria are explained by desire of GOM to play down importance of OSWALD visit here. Mexi line still is that OSWALD visit related solely to visa question. Consistent with this Echeverria stated to LEGAT that DORTICOS only interested in finding out whether Mexi authorities tried to pay a story from Silva. This is obviously incorrect interpretation. Neither LOPEZ Mateos nor Echeverria know of ALVARADO's story. His note that according Echeverria Silva is being taken to Attorney General's office to which Mexi press has easy access. Possibility of habeas corpus cannot be discounted. 4) We have as yet found no trace of the red headed sub negro described by ALVARADO, but are continuing our search for him. 5) In addition to questions raised in yesterday's telegram Washington should urgently consider feasibility of requesting Mexi authorities to arrest for interrogation: Eusebio AZCUE, Luis CALDERON and Alfredo MIRABAL. The two men are Cuban nationals and Cuban consular officers. Luisa CALDERON is ex secretary in Cuban consulate here. In this connection article II of Consular Convention between U. S. and Mexi exempts from arrest "Consular officers, national of the state by which they are appointed, and not engaged in any private occupation for gain" except "when charged with the commission of an act designated by local legislation as crimes other than misdemeanor and subjecting this individual guilt thereof to punishment by imprisonment." We are checking to see whether all of these individuals are on current consular list. Even assuming they are, and assuming also that Cuban-Mexican consular convention is similar to ours, they would all seem to be subject to arrest, provided Mexican law defines their apparent conspiracy with OSWALD as a crime and not a misdemeanor. They may all quickly be returned to Habana in order to eliminate any possibility that Mexi Gov could use them as witnesses. We know that AZCUE went to Habana on 19 Nov and we are not now certain that he or others are in Mexi at present time. 6) While I realize (obvious difficulty in giving us instructions, I

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nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here. Mann"

Sterile copy of above to Amb at his request - 27 Nov. 63

MEXI 7105 (Ref: DIR 85245 - not in file; not abstracted) 1. Sending photostatic copy of ten page statement by Silvia DURAN obtained from Echeverria by hand of [redacted] in envelope addressed to [redacted] true name. 2. [redacted] arriving Dulles airport at 0800 hrs 28 Nov. He will be met by his wife, hopes she will tell him what to do with envelope. 3. Sorry no time to translate statement. 4. Also including 22 Nov Luisa CALERON (Cuban consular employee) talk to unknown man from [redacted] (para 19 above)

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MEXI 7107 (Ref: A. DIR 85178 - para 118 above; B. DIR 85197 - para 122 above; C. CIR 85258 - para 120 above) - 1) ALVARADO story after two installments tends prove that he has been in Cub Emb and knows some of employees by slight name or both. Nothing more.

2) To resolve doubt only effective way is to have cooperation of MAJOR JEREZ directed by his Hqs in interrogating ALVARADO. If Hqs agrees, suggest he be cable urgently to cooperate without question with [redacted] officer who will contact him morning 28 Nov. Station wishes JEREZ be present during interrogation to know all Rio official weight behind it, but not to participate except in portions relative ALVARADO's alleged mission for JEREZ. 3) Station concedes outside possibility this story could be SOMOZA gambit get rid of CASTRO so defer to Hqs re action para 2.

Individual calls Cub Emb and says he is from Ultimas Noticias, talks with Luisa CALERON of Commercial Department, that they have received a cable from Cuba saying they were protesting to Mexico because of the bad treatment of a Cuban Embassy employee in Mexico in relation with the visa requested by OSWALD, the Kennedy assassin. Luisa asks him to speak with the secretary of the Ambassador.

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The same individual (as para 129 above) speaks with Consuelo ESPERON, says he is from Ultimas Noticias and they received a cable from Habana saying an employee of the Cuban Embassy had been badly treated by Relaciones Exteriores (Foreign Relations) when trying to find out about OSWALD's passport and the assassination of Kennedy, and he wants to find out if it is true. Consuelo pays no attention to the question and asks if the cable was received directly from Habana. The individual only says that Cuba has protested to Mexico about this behavior. Consuelo is going to find out, and then she tells him that there they know nothing, that they have no news about this. The individual says he is going to talk with the boss of information to find out personally about this. Consuelo indicates that the Ambassador's secretary, Patricia ALONSO, is going to speak. The individual, in the meantime, speaks to someone who is with him and says (in familiar form "tu") "They are going to tell you, that you are chief of information, that they do not have...." Later the chief of information tells her that the cable came from Miami, that they heard

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WILSON HALL talks with Vanda SUMNER. WH says she read about Kennedy... the worse is what is
 this behind it. Very strange. WH does not doubt that OSWALD had all these connections,
 but OSWALD could have been hired by someone on the Right to kill Kennedy. WH thinks that
 F.B.I. believes that he had an accomplice. It would be impossible for one man to fire
 that many times in that short of time. Had to have an accomplice. A lot to come out yet.
 (This not in OSWALD file. It is in E-8524, Vol. 2)

Folder on left side of Vol. 2 of Hotel Registrations and travel by Echeverria. OSWALD given to CCS

ATTISBOS - Article about the Cuban Gov protesting the ~~a~~ detention of Silvia DURAN and husband, along with entering their house, etc...all of which is hurting friendly relations between Cuba and Mexico.

LA WLA - "The Amazing Puzzle of the Dallas Police. Written by El Dia correspondent, Leopoldo ARACON. Article on discrepancies of OSWALD as the "only" killer.....
The innocents continue. The rumors continue. The \$4,000 dollars found in OSWALD's house. A paid assassin? An assassin silenced by the bullet of someone or some who feared they might be implicated?....

STATE TELEGRAM SENT SECEVATE 1201 FLASH (Roger Channel) For Sec Rusk and Alexie Johnson: Amb, Mann's telegram says Many thanks for your telegram 961 (not in file). Perhaps I should describe briefly the background for my recommendations on the OSWALD case.

1. In reading OSWALD's rather complete dossier... etc., etc.... I therefore request soonest instructions on following specific points: a) Mexicans must be told immediately whether we want them to continue with investigation, b) Mexicans are pressing us for immediate agreement that DIRMAT should be turned loose but kept under surveillance. What shall we say? Request immediate answer to this specific question. c) If ALVARADO is not to be turned over to Mexicans what do we do with him? Shall we send him to the States for interrogation? Shall Embassy give him polygraph test here? Or shall we do something else and if so what?

DIR 85371 (Re: DIR 85318 - not in file, not abstracted) To be certain there is no misunderstanding between us, we want to insure that neither SALVA DURAN nor Cunnans get the impression that Americans behind her re-arrest. In other words, we want Mexi authorities to take responsibility for whole affair.

your copy of Ref MEXI 7104 - para 126 above. Ref being passed to [redacted] and [redacted] per your request. Have discussed MEXI 7104 with Mr. Alexis Johnson. He wants Amb Mann to know that it not likely requested instructions will be forthcoming prior 28 Nov. On Wash end [redacted] has jurisdiction. John [redacted] and KUMARK attempting follow their wishes. For your private information, there Ninth Circuit has 2nd circuit.

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Amb is pushing this case too hard and that we could well create flap with Cubans which could have serious repercussions. Understand from Mr. Johnson that he sent telegram channels to Amb this afternoon attempting to give him better perspective on this whole problem. We hope this will be of some assistance in reducing his pressures on you.

DIR 85653 - says their follow-up investigation of OSWALD's activities has produced "reliable indications" that he was in New Orleans on 19 Sept 63. This, coupled with earlier evidence that he was in New Orleans applying for unemployment insurance on 17 Sept means OSWALD would have had to fly to Mex and back between 17 and 19 Sept in order to be at Cub Emb getting his pay off, as ALVARADO claims, on 18 Sept. With this added info, believe Mexi can confidently regard ALVARADO as fabricator and better interrogation accordingly. Perhaps he might respond to suggestion that he has been having delusions and needs psychiatric treatment.

DIR 85654 - We have just heard by phone from [redacted] who is at home, that Mexi evaluation of ALVARADO story may have been seriously warped by a piece of misinformation which has crept into this case. From conversations with your officer, [redacted] has not impression that they believe there is other evidence [redacted] OSWALD made a bank deposit of 5,000 dollars in the U.S. after he got back from Mexi on 3 Oct. This would tend, if true, to corroborate ALVARADO's story that he saw OSWALD get 5,000 for the job and 1,500 for expenses. [redacted] thinks he heard that CURTIS got the info about the bank deposit from an [redacted] man named Clark. We know of no such bank deposit. [redacted] has just affirmed they never heard this story. The story of the deposit of 5,000 dollars is, therefore, almost certainly erroneous. Pls check it with [redacted] there. We have advised [redacted] that this rumor exists did not assume this [redacted] is in possession of all facts known to [redacted] or the Dallas police or any other body. [redacted] has just leveled on us official request for full info on source and origin of rumor about 5,000 dollar bank deposit. Pls reply immediate.

DIR 85655 (Ref: DIR 85469 - Para 141 above) - To supplement our position as outlined in ref, we wish to stress there should be no let down in your effort to follow all leads and investigate all facts which bear on this case. We have by no means excluded possibility that other as yet unknown persons may have been involved or even that other power may have played a role. Pls continue all coverage of Sov and Cub installations [redacted]

4653 (Ref: A. DIR 85616 - not in file, not abstracted; B. MEXI 7107 - para 128 above) requested [redacted] cooperation Mexi thru Major JEREZ and if possible by sending suggestion use JEREZ but agreed immediately [redacted] authority and passed off [redacted] in proposal getting [redacted] and plan reservations and will probably be in Mexi today unless Jipo and Mexi wish cancel. Even though file story re OSWALD may be false it possible he has been working [redacted]

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DIR 85661 (Ref: MEXI 7113 - not in file, not abstracted; MANA 4613- Para 145 above)

Our OSOB (see MEXI 7113 - not in file, not abstracted; MAMA 4613, Para 145 above) did not turn ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. We have officially asked [redacted] for their position on this move, and pending [redacted] answer and our final consideration, ALVARADO should not be sacrificed to Mexicans or turned over to them. / Advise us if [redacted] in Mexico attempts to get you to act on a way or the other on the question of turning ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. / Pls note complicating factor that ALVARADO may be a Nib agent too. [redacted] pls advise its views. We agree [redacted] should go Mexi and be reachable at Nib Emb to be at Mexi disposal. / For Mexi: [redacted] Note [redacted] man Larry Kenna now in Mexi was sent especially to follow up leads on entire assassination of [redacted] Pls [redacted]

DJR 85663 - [redacted] officer officially advises that [redacted] requests that KUBARK turn ALVARADO over to Mexican authorities and that KUBARK request Mexican authorities to interrogate ALVARADO in detail. [redacted] reports that it understands that Mexi authorities have a capability of polygraphing and requests that KUBARK request Mexi authorities that he be polygraphed. [redacted] expressed desire to have the results of the interrogation as soon as possible and that the Legal Attache be kept advised of developments. [redacted] takes the position that inasmuch as Silvia DURAN may be released, some [redacted] [redacted] takes to info which [redacted] has from LEGAT, ALVARADO should be turned over to Mexicans as soon as possible, so that their stories can be checked against each other. [redacted] / Mexi Station is instructed to carry out [redacted] as requests set out above. Give full cooperation to the LEGAT. This turnover is made without prejudice to KUBARK's future role in this case. Whether or not we resume direct contact with ALVARADO will be decided on its merits when the issue arises. [redacted]

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464 - (Re: MEXI 7117 - not in file of OSMAID, but in ALVARADO P-9839 as follows:
Delighted have [redacted] Have him call 46-94-00, #2506 and ask for Mr. Daniels,
identifying self as Alberto SUAREZ. Meeting will take place lobby Plaza Hotel corner
Insurgentes Norte and Sullivan. Just off Paseo Reforma. Time will be set by phone. If
he should be able arrive 28 Nov., give him number 20296-24 and ask for Sr. David. [redacted] pls
furnish identifying data. / If KUBARK interrogation in [redacted] presented unsatisfactory result
alternative of turnover to GCM.) [redacted] (ITEM) arriving Mexi Tacm fil 400, 0945
29 Nov.). Will make contact per ref. Have suggested he stay either hotel Geneva or Reforma
to facilitate reverse contact if desired by Mexl. / [redacted] have been told only
that ALVARADO appears have some info bearing on OSMAID. / [redacted] speaks English, copulates
very closely with [redacted]. He knows ALVARADO very well and knows all details his past
activities within FIM and his work for [redacted] will follow Mexi leads re interorga-
tion. Will probably send open code answer to [redacted] thru his Emb so best suspect he send
message thru our channels for security and [redacted] will relay to [redacted] DIR US663 (para 147
above) just received! Delivers best not change travel plans [redacted] Suggest advisability Mexl
clearance +444 [redacted] withholding turnover to Mexl [redacted] [redacted]

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much more likely solve riddle than JCFUTTER, especially view CON power control his future.
4615 (Ref: 4614 - para 148 above) - IIRN [redacted] Born Managua [redacted] Brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", weight 170 lbs. [redacted] is captain [redacted] chief [redacted] office of national security.

4617 - pls inform [redacted] soonest whether or not still desirable [redacted] travel. If not request permission inform [redacted] ALVARADO id hands Mexi authorities.

DIR 85616 - In the face of mounting evidence that ALVARADO is fabricating his story of seeing OSMALD takes money in Cub Emb, urge you follow up with his local NIC case officer and avail yourself of the help of the Rio servico, which I can send [redacted] to help in interrogation. We find it incredible that the Cubans would brief and pay an assassin in front of a Rio Interloper. We think it possible or even likely that he has been in and out of Cub Emb as a Rio agent trying to infiltrate Cuba and has picked up names and faces there in so doing. All he has said about OSMALD he could have gotten from the press, except for certain inportant items such as his statement that OSMALD wore glasses. The fact that ALVARADO is a calm, nice, and intelligent young man does not mean he is not fabricator. FYI we and other agencies are being flooded by fabrications on the OSMALD case from several continents some originating with people on the fringes of the intelligence business. Such fabrications are not usually done for money, but out of sickly fancy and a desire to get into the intelligence. We do not think it a remarkable coincidence that both DORTICOS and ALVARADO talk about money paid to OSMALD. For one thing, pay for an assassin is a factor which immediately rises in the mind of expert and layman alike. Secondly, DORTICOS may have heard through some Russian or Cuban source in the Mexi government that JUBAN was asked whether the Cubans paid OSMALD for the alleged assignment. While we do not insist that ALVARADO's story is beyond all belief we do urge that Mexi place it and ALVARADO under the most searching scrutiny. His interview which may have led him to make this possible slip-step. In securing confessions of a fabrication, a sympathetic attitude, stressfully awareness of the severe mental strain the subject must be under, and with generous recognition of his "basically fine motivation" cooperation are often effective. Kewez Hours must be devoted to these tactics. Have just received Mexi 7107 - para 128 above - Concur that [redacted] lend all assistance and induce his service to cooperate. Think there is just no possibility that this is a Rio frame-up, but hope his cooperation will prove helpful.

MEXI 7113 (Ref: DIR 85653 - Para 148 above) Request OPM authorization turn ALVARADO over to [redacted] with brief explanation he claims to be witness to payoff to OSMALD in Cuban Consulate 18 Sept., admits is in Mexi illegally, admits CP membership, visits to Sovermb, claims that Cuban Com now involved in documenting him with false Mexi papers for travel to Cuba. Later point alone would five Mexi auth [redacted] to [redacted] and subject him to

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detailed interrogation. / With Hqs approval of turn-over Station would plan no further contact with ALVARADO.

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MEXI 7114 (Ref: DIR 85654 - para 143 above) Mr. Clark Anderson, LEGAT, told COS and Amb Mann of rumor that "OSWALD had deposited five thousand dollars in a bank in the U. S. / On 27 Nov. Amb in presence COS asked Anderson about this again and Anderson said rumor was on T.V. and radio in Mexi. Anderson said he had no info from his Hqs to confirm or deny this. He said he would check his Hqs. / COS has not heard rumor but feels sure Anderson or some of his office did hear this. This Station had no additional info concerning this but now assumes ALVARADO may have heard same radio or T.V. report and thus have had "basis" for 5,000 dollar payment.

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MEXI 7115 [redacted] reported 27 Nov after Silvia DURAN first arrest, [redacted] public knowledge that there great deal discussion of this in Emb. She back in office 27 Nov and seemed quite pleased with her performance. Her account interrogation contained little new except police had threatened her with extradition to U. S. to face OSWALD. She had no fear of confrontation. [redacted] said there almost no discussion [redacted] meeting 27 Nov very short and somber with general impression being one of shock and disbelief. Heard no expressions of pleasure. [redacted] seen night 27 Nov had nothing to add to above. Indeed [redacted] version much less detailed. Neither [redacted] or [redacted] had any personal knowledge OSWALD presence Cub Emb at any time.

MEXI 7117 (see para 148 above) (Ref: [redacted] 4613 - para 145 above)

MEXI 7118 (Ref: DIR 85371 - para 141 above) Note second pickup which made on COM initiative without prior consultation with Station or [redacted] obviously evidence great desire Mexi authorities to be of service. Immediately after pickup [redacted] had received instructions from [redacted] personally not to release DURAN until CURTIS said so. At Hqs request CURTIS furnished interrogation questions to Echaverria night 27 Nov. In view ref felt no alternative but inform Echaverria neither CURTIS nor [redacted] making official request for her continued detention. Decision re release must be type. This was done at 1200 noon on 28 Nov.

MEXI 7119 (Ref: DIR 85245 - para 132 above) Have furnished LEGAT all pertinent info from [redacted] on OSWALD case, including brief memo dated 16 Oct 63 on OSWALD's contacts with the Soyemb. / In all cases have put statement "this info from confidential source. It must not be disseminated, etc." / On 27 Nov COS talked with LEGAT and made following points: A. We wished him also KUBARK as the source of all info he receives from this Station and send to his Hqs. B. We require that no distribution of KUBARK info be made outside LEGAT's office without prior clearance with KUBARK Hqs. C. A great deal of our info as he knows, comes from operative [redacted] and some of from [redacted] and all of these sensitive operations have taken years, much work and many dollars to build. We therefore require careful control of this info. / KUBARK insists that he had in all cases

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cited KUBARK as the source and put the control statement on our info. He says however, that he has no control over his Hqs and their distribution of KUBARK or any other info. / Also, FYI LEGAT believes justice Dept (outside his organization) taking actions and not under control LEGAT's Hqs.

MEXI 7120 - Believe useful have Spanish speaking ICFUTTER operator available Mexi certainly for ALVARADO and possibly for others. If Hqs agrees pls arrange soonest and advise.

MEXI 7124 (Ref: DIR 85663 - para 147 above) COS in contact with Echeverria at 1400 hours and Echeverria grateful that ALVARADO being turned over to government. / Echeverria was given ALVARADO's pp present address and alias under which he registered. / Echeverria was pick him up and question him on basis of very brief story given Echeverria by COS. / Echeverria advises that unless significant developments from present interrogation of Silvia DURAN (based upon questions furnished by COS 27 Nov) or from interrogation of ALVARADO, DURAN will be released during night 28 Nov or early morning 29 Nov. / Echeverria advised COS that Mexi Gov had refused to accept "my grosseiro" (very rude) note of protest handed to Amb BOSQUES in Habana yesterday by Raul ROA, Cub foreign minister. / Will advise any results that become available from Mexi interrogation of ALVARADO.

DIR 85667 (Ref: MEXI 7120 - para 158 above) No fluent Spanish speaking flatter man available at all. For reasons of security and compartmentation, prefer not to have KUBARK operator double tracked with Mexi operator. Would only continue case. Prefer wait until all Mexi resources exhausted before we decide if we want to resume management of case, including ICFUTTER. / Seasoned operators available here on short notice.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO, Update; On the morning of 26 Nov an officer of this Section, accompanied by Mr. Blankens of the Security Office, interviewed Subj in a parked car on the south edge of the city. The following statements, unless otherwise noted, are those of the Subject: etc. (Complete info on ALVARADO up to time of his arrest on 28 Nov.)

22545 - Attached is a reel of tape containing three conversations reported in ref (MEXI 7068 - para 95 above).

Unassigned letter to Mr. Mann (probably Cuckoo) naming people and places in the OSWALD case.

MEXI 7125 (Ref: DIR 85672 - Pls continue to keep up filled in on status of interrogations of Silvia DURAN, ALVARADO, and others implicated as fast as you can get info. We have no other ready source of info on those cases. Request you utilize capable officer to skin pff details and relay them to your office for cabling to us at regular intervals. Request status report, even negative, by 0900 hrs. Be sure to keep us informed of what info if any is leaked to public information media there.) Echeverria advised

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has on 28 Nov. / DURAN is under close surveillance and will be apprehended any time info received to warrant. She still appears to Mexicans to have been involved only in business of possible Cub and Sov visas for OSWALD. / Will report soonest on ALVARADO interrogation.

MEXI 7126 (Ref: A. MEXI 7125, Para 164 above B. DIR 85672 - para 104 above) / with whom [redacted] and COS, dealing directly at suggestion of Echeverria will keep us advised of interrogation of ALVARADO as it progresses. / [redacted] states that his first oral report will be ready at 1100 hrs on 29 Nov. / [redacted] will be in direct contact with [redacted] at that time and COS will send data as soon as obtained. / COS is handling case since [redacted] and [redacted] involved and need to see [redacted] ECHIVARRIA and others (no one of whom speaks English). Also continuous liaison with Amb and [redacted] necessary and COS wishes control these personally.

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MEXI 7127 - [redacted] reported at 1130 hrs that ALVARADO claims that he present inside Cub Emb when OSWALD given 6,500 dollars. Same story given Mexicans as ALVARADO gave Station. One difference is that ALVARADO failed identify Silvia DURAN from several photos [redacted] showed him. With Station officer ALVARADO did identify her. / Interrogation continues. / ALVARADO has up to now been "snave" and friendly. / Now [redacted] states he gives same story re present visit as he gave Station (namely, he awaiting documentation as a Mexi to be furnished him by Cub authorities for a training mission in sabotage, to "break" ALVARADO. / Will await contact by [redacted] "double" story and will begin work have [redacted] call him at his hotel and let him participate. / If he wishes to do so, will welcome this. / Above given orally to LEGAT. / Feel sure [redacted] would

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MEXI 7128 (Ref: DIR 85712 - Time is of essence in reporting what the Mexicans are learning from ALVARADO and Silvia DURAN. Up to now, we have been re-writing and relaying every thing you report over to [redacted] Hqs which results in some unavoidable delay. We would like to be sure that you are immediately giving [redacted] there everything you get about ALVARADO and DURAN so [redacted] Mexi can cable the same data direct to [redacted] Hqs. / Please satisfy yourself that [redacted] there has adequate commo facilities and secretarial staff to keep its Hqs informed as fast as you keep us informed, and advise us on this. / If you find that material there does not have adequate commo or staff and wants to rely on us to relay the on us to relay the info as we have been. / In any case, be sure you indicate on all cables whether [redacted] Mexi has been given the same info. / [redacted] is locally being advised by COS personally of everything Station learns concerning OSWALD case and, now, on ALVARADO interrogation. / Feel sure [redacted] office, which almost same size as KUMARK station, has adequate staff for reporting needs. / Usual procedure here is that COS notifies Hqs, reports to chief [redacted] and to Amb orally, then subsequently advises [redacted] by memo. / Hqs is assured that all info known to Station on these cases is being given to them and shortly after, info

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MEXI 7137 (Ref: MEXI 7068 - para 95 above - MEXI 7097 - para 123 above) Copy of tapes of conversations references punched 29 Nov by RUMAT pouch DWA 22545.

DIR 85669 (REF: 1617 - para 150 above) - Ref: [redacted] should get Mexi even though ALVARADO may be in Mexi hands. Assume he can be used as consultant at least, that he will know whether he can and should contact Mexi authorities, and that Mexi will clear any active use we make of him with the [redacted] rep. [redacted] here knows he is coming to Mexi to help. / At 1830 Wash time, which is about 1630 your time, we have no further news or requests. He are going home but can be back and on the wire on short notice.

DIR 85672 (see para 165 above)

MEXI 7156 (Ref: MEXI 7127 - para 166 above) - [redacted] who is very intelligent officer, had talked personally to ALVARADO twice. He saw him for one hour morning of 29 Nov, then for some three hrs afternoon 29 Nov. / [redacted] states that after first session he believed ALVARADO story a fantastic list after second session and all previous and interim interrogations, ALVARADO sticks to same story re OSWALD. [redacted] states. "Although this still preliminary, either ALVARADO is telling truth essentially or is the best liar I have talked to in my many years, and I have talked to some of the biggest." [redacted] "Informed" believe ALVARADO telling truth in general outline; but believes he mixed up on dates. [redacted] arrived in Mexi. Is now at Geneva Hotel. Will be seen at 1800 hrs. If he willing participate, will get [redacted] to contact [redacted] immediately. / Contents of paras one and two (except for identity of source) have been given verbally to chief [redacted] and to chief [redacted] by COS. Source was described as "Mexican official."

MEXI 7160 - As Hqs aware, [redacted] have not had meetings with Sovs since assassination. This principally due fact that prior 22 Nov the Sovs scheduled future sessions for period begining circa 1 Dec; also due factor that [redacted] out of country...etc., etc. / Request instructions on what tactic or elicitation effort if any that [redacted] should make. / Also request similar instructions re Station's Sov access against agents [redacted] and [redacted] may also have opportunity meet Sovs if Station wants.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Silvia Tirado de DURAN - Attached is a copy of a 10 page statement of info obtained by Gobernacion during the first detention of Subj #6975

DIR 85712 (Ref: DIR 85672 - para 165 above) see para 167 above

DIR 86012 (Ref: MEXI 7160 - para 172 above) [redacted] obviously cannot direct pointed question to C/O's but should innocuous questions as to general effect events expected to have on interpnatinal relations. / In instructing agents station should not of course make any ref to OSWALD/DURAN/ALVARADO et al. Or to investigative measures being taken.

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MEXI 7168 (ref: MEXI 7156 - para 171 above) [redacted] met evening 29 Nov "unofficially" and [redacted] reported on ALVARADO's background. He told [redacted] that ALVARADO had been "seventy five percent accurate" in his reporting and had had access and furnished good info on Communism in past. He said, however, that ALVARADO inclined "go off on his own" at times and impossible control. / At 1030 hours on 30 Nov [redacted] reported to COS that ALVARADO has signed a statement saying that his story of seeing OSWALD inside Cub Emb is completely false. He also stated that he had not seen anyone handed money by Cub Con officers. He said too that he had not called the U. S. Emb (as previously claimed) on 20 Sept to warn them. He said his first call to the U. S. Emb was on 25 Nov the evening he saw the U. S. Emb Security officer / ALVARADO still claims that the remainder of his story, the parts about visits to the Cub Con and plans for his (false) documentation as a Mexi and plans to go to Cuba for sabotage training are true. [redacted] still inclined believe these portions of story. / ALVARADO stated his motive was to get the U.S.A. to take action against Fidel CASTRO. He stated he hates CASTRO passionately and thought his presentation, if he could have his story believed, would help to make the U.S.A. take forceful action against CASTRO. [redacted] being informed of above.

Police #09 reports to the Chief of Co. 8 the following: Here in front of the Cuban Embassy just now was a group of 35 or 40 persons carrying signs and we were able to take one away - the others got away. We have a photographer detained here with the "patrol." The lieutenant asks what photographer he is talking about. #09 says it he is the same as the others in the group. The lieutenant insists and asks if he (the photographer) is from the press or from where and what will the police do with him. #09 does not know but he will investigate.

Amb HERNANDEZ Armas calls Subsecretary GOROTIZA and says the following: "Pardon me for bothering you but I want you to know what has happened..." The Amb reports about the demonstration published in the press, nor pictures published...

DIR 86064 (ref: MEXI 7168 - para 176 above) White House, [redacted] and [redacted] here all advised ALVARADO confessed he fabricated his story. Pls give [redacted] our official thanks. / Because the resolution of this case will be closely scrutinized in the up-coming review of this entire episode, pls ascertain and cable details of how the confession was obtained what threats, promises, inducements, and tactics were used by [redacted] was ALVARADO physically mistreated? Much? Pls learn whether ALVARADO actually did hear the false radio report about OSWALD's making a 5,000 dollar bank deposit and use that in his story. [redacted] and MEXI pls clarify with [redacted] and Nic military attache whether ALVARADO was still their agent when he visited Cuban Emb. Pls keep track of ALVARADO's whereabouts and use the Nic not as to do away with him. / Pls continue to follow all leads and tips. Question of whether OSWALD acted solely on his own has still not been finally resolved. Pls cable any results of second interrogation of Silvia DUMAN when you get it.

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Carlos SANCHEZ asks Peregrina (of Cuban Emb.) if his application arrived. Peregrina says to wait a moment. Then SANCHEZ talks with the Amb. The Amb asks with whom does SANCHEZ want to talk. SANCHEZ says with PERECRINA. Amb says to wait a moment. Incomplete

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1003 Check. Not in OSMALD file. Richard REYER, North American, calls Cub Emb from Acapulco and talks with Luisa CALDERON and asks about Silvia DURAN. Luisa says Silvia should be in her house right now. Richard asks if Silvia is hurt. Luisa says no, that she has only bruises probably because they grabbed her arm very tight but that it is not serious. She (Luisa) adds that she cannot explain by telephone and asks when Richard will be coming to Mexico City. Richard says "This depends on you people... Anything (new) known about Cuba?" Luisa, after consulting with someone, responds that there is not an answer yet, but that today a plane will be coming in from Cuba and possibly something will arrive by diplomatic pouch, and for Richard to call again tomorrow. Richard asks if Silvia still works at the Emb. Luisa responds certainly she does. Richard will call tomorrow.

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True? Check.

MEXI 7203 (B REF: DIR 86064 - Para 180 above) Followed from [redacted] to Station Officer 1800 2 Dec: [redacted] saw ALVARADO afternoon 2 Dec for first time. Meeting lasted only seven minutes. (Previous meeting had been laid on by Mexicans but was not contacted as planned). In brief interview in company two Mex officials ALVARADO reverted to previous story. Claimed he did see OSMALD, did call [redacted] to report. Investigation does not support latter statement. Said he told Mexicans he fabricating because he was "mentally disturbed", specifically because of threat he would be hung by testicles. Not actually physically instructed. [redacted] speaking for self and [redacted] what say ALVARADO said their agent when he visited Cub Emb. [redacted] was told ALVARADO would be deported. He asked and received permission escort ALVARADO to [redacted] on 4 Dec. [redacted] said he naturally unable come to any definite conclusion as to ALVARADO veracity but would be able to do so once he returned, and had chance complete interrogation. [redacted] reported [redacted] 1st above to his HQS [redacted] afternoon 2 Dec. Above being reported to Amb and [redacted]

Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. Attached is a copy of an interrogation report based upon the Mexi interrogation of Subject. (not in OSMALD file, that is, the attachment)

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Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Conversations between Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos and Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Joaquin Hernandez Armas on 26 Nov 63. / Attached are two transcripts of conversations. (These transcripts are in the [redacted] tech chron file; they are also in the OSWALD P-file with dispatch to Rgs transmitting tapes and transcripts.) Note by [redacted]

Peter KIRFF of the New York Times tells LEONOV of the Sov Emb that he is very interested in interviewing Amb BAZAROV about OSWALD's stay in Mexico. LEONOV will give the message.

Memo to LEGAT, Subj: Assassination of Pres John F. Kennedy Nov 22, 1963 at Dallas, Texas

On 2 Dec a person identifying himself as Luis FERNANDEZ Gonzalez, of Honduras, appeared at Emb Reception Desk of U.S. Emb and said he had info of interest concerning OSWALD / ... Only living relative is his mother, Aurora GONZALEZ, who resides in Honduras. FERNANDEZ in Mex illegally, needs assistance to get to U.S. / is member of MIA and his leader is Cuabreho e CARMENAS of Youth section of MIA. Said he knew Saul LOPEZ, press chief of MIA. Said that on/about 28 Sept he met John WHITE, who greatly resembles OSWALD. / FERNANDEZ accompanied WHITE and LOPEZ to Cuernavaca, went to Hotel de la Solwa for the day. / FERNANDEZ said WHITE and LOPEZ left Mex for Monterey in LOPEZ automobile (knows this because he was invited to go too) / Gave a description of WHITE (resembling OSWALD). / Was told Emb could be of no assistance to him in this regard because he was illegally in Mex. / Noted that FERNANDEZ was filthy, heavily bearded and had every appearance of a penniless tramp. / Inasmuch as it appears FERNANDEZ is an opportunist, ... no further action is believed warranted.

MEXI 7209 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) Amb Mann sent cable to Mr. Alexis Johnson recounting contents of ref and recommending that [redacted] and KUBARK consider sending experts (including LOFUTTER operator) to [redacted] to interrogate ALVARADO.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald below average in Junior High. Article about OSWALD's early school years with low averages, however no indication of being a trouble maker. An absence or in need of psychiatric care. On personal history statement under general health he wrote "abnormal cardiac in left ear".

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's trip to Mexico in Sept was a Lonely Venture, Inquiry Shows. 7-day visit's cost put at under \$30. He is believed to have made no political contacts while on quest for Cuban Vesp. by Peter KIRFF (para 185, 186 and 193 above) / ... OSWALD traveled from Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept via Transportes Frontera to Mexi leaving at 2:30 p.m. arriving Friday 27 Sept at 8:30 a.m. (750 miles). Stayed at Comodoro Hoozon Bernardo de Sahagun St. Carried one leather suitcase about 2 feet long. Next to hotel is lunchroom La Esfinge run by Mrs. Dolores Ramirez de Ramirez. He said OSWALD ate there once. OSWALD left Mex City on Wed, 2 Oct on private plane. He said and arrived at Nuevo Laredo at 6:30 a.m. Thurs, 3 Oct. It is believed OSWALD left Mex City on 24 Sept after having sent his wife to Dallas the previous day with a

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Peter KINGS of N.Y. Times asks for ALFIERI. Man inside says he is not here, to call tomorrow. Peter asks if it would be possible to go this afternoon or tonight. Man inside says tomorrow at from 9 to 11. Peter does not know if he will be in the city tomorrow but "al modo", that he is sorry to bother them so much. Man inside hangs up.

Peter KINGS of N.Y. Times asks to speak with Ivan ALFIERI or the one in charge of press at the Sovemb. Man inside says wait a moment. Peter says he is going through the city and would like an interview with the Amb for just a few minutes. LEONOV says wait a moment that he will connect Peter with the Amb's Secretary. Peter says thanks. Later LEONOV says the Secretary has not yet arrived and the Amb is not in and does not know if he will be in later or not, in fact that he himself just arrived at the Emb. Peter says perhaps it would be better if he would pass by the Emb because he is anxious about this appointment and also with other Embassies around there, do please take down his (Peter's) name so he can tell the Amb's Secretary his wishes, that there is an American correspondent in the city who wants to go speak with the Amb. LEONOV says okay give him his name. Peter gives his name, that he has been sent to Mexico by the N.Y. Times to do some work on the activities of "that Señor Lic OSMALD", the assassin of our president" and as you know the USSR Government has been sharing with the U.S. Government this business and he really wants to talk a few minutes with the Amb and find out "this type - what were his desires here" for as you know the Embassy here (which Embassy) feels that all is not correct. LEONOV says he will tell the Amb's Secretary when she arrives, about the case, it is just that for Peter's information the Amb is planning to go to Acapulco for the Movie Festival, but something today you will be advised. Peter says okay but in case the Amb does not have time, then find out what person in the Emb can discuss this case and have the information needed for the interview "that that type had there" (why OSMALD was at the Sovemb). LEONOV says okay, not to worry that he will give the message just as soon as someone arrives. Peter asks if he goes to the Emb could he ask for LEONOV. LEONOV says it would be perfectly alright. Peter apologizes for his poor Spanish. LEONOV answers "in English (perfect English) "My English is even worse." Peter responds "Your English sounds wonderful. Goodbye."

MEXI 7216 - asked COS at 1300 hrs on 3 Dec for urgent traces on U.S. cit Gilberto P. LOPEZ. states LOPEZ arrived MEXI on 29 Nov en route to Habana. He had disappeared, no record of trip to Habana. // LOPEZ had FM-8 (tourist card limited to 15 days) #24553 obtained in Tampa, Fla on 20 Nov. // Have not checked above with // Subj, PP 310162, left MEXI for Habana on 27 Nov via Cihana (only passenger aboard). Source is (See MEXI 7177 - Not in file; found in 50-500-4/1, 2 Dec 63) a list for 27 Nov shows Gilberto LOPEZ U.S. cit PP #310162 left MEXI for Habana. Above being passed Amb Mann and MEXI. No Station traces. // Appreciate early reply.

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Memo to The Amb from COS, Subj: Anti-Cuban Demonstration in Front of the Cuban Emb -
8104 (same as para 178 and 184 above)

207. 4 Dec. Check OSWALD knowledge of

WAVE 8455 - SN message read WAVE 30 Nov reflected foll: A. Following WAVE CO instructions, sent cable with follow-up letter to Raul at CIS address. Habe upon return Mexi; B. waited 15 days without receiving answer to letter sent Raul; C. contacted Emb 22 Nov attempting reestablish contact with Raul. Silvia denied knowing Raul. D. 22 Nov A. sent another cable CIS address requesting meeting. E. 25 Nov received urgent wire from Raul sent from Tegucigalpa, D. F. said 23 Nov which acknowledged receipt wire and requested visit for Raul. F. said "he terribly moved by horrible assassination precedent" and facing such acts must redouble strength fight red crime. G. said OSWALD face familiar and may have seen him or Mexi. will further advise. H. convinced COC employs killers and assassins. This regard mentioned case two persons killed Mexi by Inu CORONENSKI who received three hundred dollars for deed from Emb Mexi. / Will advise additional details upon receipt. / 3. Mexi. Request info re para 1 H above.

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MEXI 7224 - (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - Locally (who advised of LOPEZ by Gobernacion contact) advise LOPEZ came into Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 23 Nov. / asking for Hqs check. / LOPEZ listed as having U.S. passport.

209. 4 Dec.

Check FARIAS' file.

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Memo for COS from Subj: N. Y. Times Article of OSWALD. - Carl MICHAIL visited me on the morning of 4 Dec. He brought with him a clipping from the 3 Dec West Coast edition of the N. Y. Times. This was a story about OSWALD's visit to Mexi, and went into great detail about where he stayed and who he saw. MICHAIL asked me if the story was accurate. I told him I did not know. (I have refused to comment to a MICHAIL on any aspects of the OSWALD case). / MICHAIL said he felt certain that the N. Y. Times man got his information from Luis FARIAS' file.

DIR 86563 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) - Although we are confident that ALVARADO is a fabricator and that his retraction of his confession is false, it has been decided that he should be LEFT ALONE. We do not want him returned to Nic until after the FLUTTER is finished because we fear that he will be too agitated in Nic, apprehensive that he will be mistreated. His arrangements with to have ALVARADO released to us for several more days. Ask to remain in Mexi to assist us. / Mr. Davis of will arrive in Mexi 4 Dec. We do not want to blow him and prefer that Mexicans not be aware of our plans to FLUTTER until after Mr. Davis has left. He may pose as Dept of Justice man. / FLUTTER should be performed on private or hotel premises, with Mr. Davis in charge assisted by Mr. Clark Anderson of as interpreter. / Although it is likely that ALVARADO will be returned to Nic later we do not want to decide this yet. It is important before and during the FLUTTER that ALVARADO not be

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in fear of bodily harm, that he be rested, etc.../ We realize that Mexicans and Nica have some equities and plenty of rights in this case, but we do not want to stop and discuss jurisdictional questions. [redacted] pls inform [redacted] that there will be some further interrogation of ALVARADO in Mexi before his return. / Advise if you run into problems on this.

4627 (REF: DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - [redacted] concurs further interrogation ALVARADO in Mexi also in [redacted] remaining Mexi as long as plan be of service to us there. Interposed absolutely no problems, offering complete cooperation and agreement ext any way he wish handle ALVARADO interrogations.

MEXI 7229 (DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - COS talked with Echeverria at 1930 hrs on 3 Dec / Echeverria said A. He will order [redacted] to not hold ALVARADO until COS is completed with "some additional questioning [redacted] in reply to COS REQUEST to "borrow" ALVARADO. Echeverria said yes. C. COS told Echeverria that questioning would be done jointly with [redacted] and COS "guaranteed" return of ALVARADO to [redacted] / Station has advised [redacted] of delay for 2 or 3 days departure of ALVARADO. Will hope to remain in Mexi. / Submit following plan for Hqs approval. A. Will have Messrs. Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT pick up ALVARADO & from government. B. ALVARADO will be taken either to former [redacted] safehouse or Hotel suite. Advise. C. Anderson and/or Garcia will act as interpreters for Mr. Davis. D. Plan to "borrow" ALVARADO early morning of 5 Dec and hope [redacted] can return him on evening of 5 Dec. E. Will install microphones in apartment of hotel on 4 Dec to insure recording on Davis/ALVARADO interview. / Request [redacted] be notified by his superiors to remain Mexi a few more days to [redacted] can arrange this. / Advise Davis ETA.

DIR 86621 (Ref: MEXI 7229 - Para 212 above) Your plan and progress most heartening. All parts approved with full comments: Exact role of [redacted] men is up to their chief, but the role you outline for them and the selection of personnel seems perfect. We prefer hotel...if [redacted] 4627 is not enough authority for [redacted] pls cable [redacted] for more.

4628 (Ref: DIR 86563 - para 210 above and 4627 - para 211 above) [redacted] Just rec'd telegram from [redacted] sent from Mexi at 1147 pm Mexi time 3 Dec announcing arrival [redacted] on TACA today & Dec bring ALVARADO. If this true need confirmation before 2:00 pm local time today as [redacted] feels special handling and security precautions required. / [redacted] feels strongly ALVARADO should not be returned [redacted] before interrogation completed. Interrogation away from scene of events with subsequent difficulties checking news info make follow up interrog in [redacted] impractical.

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DIR 86659 (Ref: DIR 86621 - para 213 above) - Mr. Davis arrives MEXI on American flight 35 at 1234h on 4 Dec. Will be traveling on tourist card unless he can get Mexi visa today in his official passport. Will carry FLUTTER instrument and should be met and assisted through customs; if possible without blowing his connection to KUBARK or with this case. 8 Pls reserve suitable convenient hotel room. Request ALVARADO not be interrogated further until Mr. Davis takes over. Further interrogation might confuse case. ALVARADO should rest and eat well. Important he not spend today worrying too much.

MEXI 7232 (Ref: 4628 - para 214 above) - [redacted] remaining Mexi until interrogation of ALVARADO completed. Will advise [redacted] ETA [redacted] known. Believe return ALVARADO accompanied by [redacted] will not be prior to 7 Dec.

MEXI 7239 (Ref: DIR 86659 - para 215 above) - As stated previously we cannot guarantee against any baggage searches without working thru [redacted] and blowing KUBARK connection to traveler.

MEXI 7241 - Station holding all recs from 22 Nov 63 for both Cuban and Sov Embassies. Unless advised to contrary, Station will erase routine tapes Sovemb keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban [redacted] as long as [redacted] wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need [redacted] Have [redacted] at Station.

MEXI 7243 (Ref: A. DIR 84837 - para 25 above; B. DIR 84885 - para 26 above; C. MEXI 7061 - para 80 above) - [redacted] and [redacted] coverage of KOSTIKOV and ALFREY thru 30 Nov indicate no particular deviation of their mode activities, no travel outside MEXI.

Memo for the files from COS, Subject: Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. Cit. - On 3 Dec 63 reported that one Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. Cit. who arrived in Mexi on 23 Nov "looked suspicious". LOPEZ, according to [redacted] had FM 8-24553 (a limited, 15 day, tourist card) issued in Tampa, Fla, on 20 Nov 63. [redacted] said Gobernacion had, as of 3 Dec "lost" Gilberto LOPEZ. They were looking for him. [redacted] asked for any data from the U.S.A.

DIR 86761 (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - Our check with [redacted] on Gilberto LOPEZ has produced nothing as yet. Very difficult for [redacted] to do anything fast with Subject's name and passport number only. Hope they can tell us something by noon five Dec. First [redacted] traces show something on possible Gilberto LOPEZ in pro Castro activities in Los Angeles. Will get more lead advise. If [redacted] can give us Gilberto's birthdate it will help. We assume that you have not told [redacted] that LOPEZ flew to Cuba on 27 Nov because you do not want to blow the [redacted] This problem is up to you.

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MEXI 7253 (Re: DIR 86761 - para 221 above) - [redacted] reported to COS late 4 Dec
 that, A. LOPEZ crossed at Laredo Texas on 23 Nov; B. Registered in Roosevelt Hotel
 Mexi City on 25 Nov, at 1600 hrs Mexi City time in room 203; C. Departed as only
 passenger on Cuban flight on night 27 Nov for Habana. Checked out of hotel at 1900
 hrs. [redacted] has a good photograph of Gilberto LOPEZ taken at airport on departure
 Will get copies. / Re para 3 [redacted] data re flights to Cuba available
 to them. Station did not report [redacted] data to [redacted] / Will attempt get birth data.

DIR 86976 (Re: MEXI 7239 - para 21 above) We noted your registrations about getting through customs securely but decided to rely on your assets anyway. Presume Mr. [redacted] did arrive, etc. pls confirm. / As you make your flight plans for JCHATTER pls let us know location and set up.

MEXI 7256 (Re DIR 86976 + para 223 above) [redacted] verified, met by DCOS [redacted] and got through customs with no problem. After study, 24th LEGAT have decided hold [redacted] which was signed by [redacted] personnel for interrogation at [redacted]

This completely backstopped by being trained for "lusting Americans". No future plan to use apart by Sardon. Apart bldg (has no) watchmen not adjoining aparts or bldgs. Messrs Clark Anderson and Joe Garcia of [redacted] studied apart on 4 Dec with DOCS. stayed at apart on night of 4 Dec and [redacted] // plan to have Anderson and Garcia pick up ALVARADO and bring him to apart. // Will police will accompany to apart but will not enter bldg. Anderson alone will interview. // Will have [redacted] in bedroom to monitor and record interrogation. [redacted] will not be blown to Anderson, Garcia or [redacted] // Plan to have interrogation begin at 1400 hrs. // [redacted] // If possible, adjourn overnight and continue morning of 6 Dec. // Plan send copy of tapes, [redacted] if possible.

MEXI 7267 (Part 2) MEXI 7256 - para 224 above) "Preliminary questioning as per ref took place. Initial attitude of one of researchers against Zmb for turning over to Mexicans after his volunteering help and against Mexicans for treating him "like a dog". / View above, question of LEBLUTHA not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for Good meal tonight in hopes prolonging upswing of rapport reached by interrogators tonight end of session. / Hope know early afternoon 6 Dec whether all take LEBLUTHA. Prefer cable summary after reading more definitive point in interrogation.

John FORTIER asked if Paul KENNEDY has gathered any influence on the Mexican political scene as far as the assassination is concerned. No, he has not gotten a thing on it. Paul KENNEDY thinks the only thing it could have done was to impress his political people about the spontaneity of the sympathy for Kennedy. Only this, but has not come in very much. Apparently they did reject spontaneity, but then you could look at Mexico's vote in the U.N. on the CAS, on Venezuela-Cuban deal and on the international treaty. No, not on international treaty. Individuals not think it would make any

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22561 (Ref: A. MEXI 7203 - para 190 above; B. MEXI 7209 - para 195 above) - Attached are copies of the Mexi interrogation report on Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. / The last (quoted) portion is ALVARADO's statement in which he admits that the story, about his seeing OSMALD in Cub Consulate in Mexi and having seen OSMALD paid money in the Cub Com, is false. / A copy of this report was given to [redacted] locally.

22579 (Ref: MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) - Attached are copies of a photo of Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. citizen, taken night of 27 Nov at Mexi airport by Mexi authorities. Subject checked into Mexi Hotel Roosevelt, Av. Insurgentes 287, at 1600 on 25 Nov 63. He stayed in room 203. At 1900 hrs on 27 Nov Subj checked out of the Hotel Roosevelt and at 2100 hrs on 27 Nov Subj departed Mexi for Habana. / Subj was listed on Habana file #465 of 27 Nov as the only passenger. A crew of nine Cubans was listed. On departure from Mexi, Subject used U. S. passport #310162 which contained a Cuban "courtesy" visa. / Source states the timing and circumstances surrounding Subj's travel through Mexi and departure for Habana are suspicious. / Source recently requests all data on Subj.

MEXI 7287 (Ref: MEXI 6982 - not in file, not abstracted) Full results [redacted] KUZNETSOV 4 Dec. A. Re: assassination, KUZ said, get incomprehensible because could not effect changes in U.S. especially foreign policy or benefitacists. OSMALD Communist tendencies if true, or stay Russia had no bearing on crime because CP directive since time of LENIN considered oppression opponents only damaged Comite movement. / B. Contradictions about crime: Use 3 different types of ammo, inability account for OSMALD apprehension far from site of assassination, some bullets explosive others not. KUZ incidentally discredited by [redacted] re OSMALD's exit work marriage Soviet Union. Explained that although not common, foreigners carry work marriage Soviet Union. Then stated and repeated he did not know details but doubts there were special circumstances OSMALD's case. He emigration Russian wife, no restrictions but few left Sov Union because psychologically attached Sov soil. / [redacted]

Gilberto Policarpo LOPEZ, born 26 Jan 40 in Habana, Cuba. Both his parents were U. S. citizens. / His address at time he got his last U.S. passport was Cerro 1307, Consejo Arango y Carvajal, Cerro, Habana, Cuba. / His last U.S. passport expired on 25 Jan 63. (Above - original sent to [redacted])

MEXI 7288 - [redacted] returning [redacted] PAA-11501, 7 Dec. Requests advice his wife to meet him.

MEXI 7209 - ALVARADO LOPUTTER indicated he fabricating facts of his story. Interrogation revealed Subj unaware of day of week allegedly saw OSMALD. Thinks that it was on Tuesday which would have been 11 Sept. / When shown photos of OSMALD during testing, deception patterns were evidenced. When Subj was confronted with this he stated that he had "heard"

233. 6 Dec. Where is ref???

Polcarpo is a first name - not a last name. Greek mythology. Is Gilberto Lopez, Polcarpo Lopez, iden with Gilberto Lopez, friend of P-8672, memo from LSCAT dated 11 Mar 64 with attached picture???

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Subj admitting that he must have made honest mistake in relating original story in his identification of OSWALD. arriving Dallas 7 Dec on AA 56. / Echeverria will hold ALVARADO until 9 Dec so [redacted] will not have to accompany.

DIR 89188 (Ref: MEXI 7235 - not in file) not abstracted - not found; possibly transposition of numbers, i.e., MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) / You may pass [redacted] following from [redacted] but do not tell him it from [redacted] A. Gilberto Polcarpo Lopez with same passport number born 26 Jan 40 in Habana, etc., etc. (info given to [redacted] para 230 above) / This man is not identical with the Gilberto LOPEZ who was associated with pro-Castro groups in Los Angeles. We hope to get more from [redacted] on Gilberto Polcarpo Lopez. Will advise.

DIR 87666 (Ref: MEXI 7289 - para 232 above) Presume all concerned now agree ALVARADO will be returned to Nic. We satisfied his whole story about seeing anyone paid to assassinate pres was a hoax. / We want to avoid all possible mishaps which might induce ALVARADO to resume his fabricating on this case, so we request that Mexi and Nic authorities take no punitive measures against him beyond deporting him to Nic. If [redacted] can give him something useful and non-sensitive to do for a few months it will help. / Feel the successful wind-up of this tricky incident speaks for itself. / Thanks to all hands.

MEXI 7290 - [redacted] advised COS on 7 Dec that ALVARADO will be returned to [redacted] by ENCA; file #773 departing Mexi at 0930 hrs on 8 Dec. / Pls advise [redacted] who arriving [redacted] 7 Dec on P.S.S.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Lee Harvey Oswald - The Man and The Mystery; Suspected Assassin of Kennedy was withdrawn, and friendships turned to Marx in High School. - by Donald JAMSON - Article about the type character OSWALD was.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Following articles: Oswald Crafted at Life in Soviet. He wrote Mother He was Eager to Return to U. S., by JACK LANGCUTH; Dallas Suspends Critical Teacher. She Says View on Climate of Hate Led to Ouster; Texts of Letters to Pro-Castro Group (six letters printed which OSWALD wrote to Fair Play for Cuba Committee); Six Oswald Letters are Given to FBI. Pro-Castro Group Hate Hate Notes in its Files; Texts of Oswald Letters to Mother on Soviet Trip; Kennedy's Guard Brings Questions. Ex-Chief of Secret Service Raises Queries in Slaying.

EXCERPTS - FBI gets Harvey Letters - The FBI obtained copies of letters OSWALD sent to Fair Play for Cuba Committee; originals went to FBI and Vincent Theodore Lee, 36 of N.Y., chairman of FPCC.

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Jack Leon RUBY, Jack RUBENSTEIN, or Jacob RUBENSTEIN. / Advise of any info to verify this travel by RUBY.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: RUBY - Info available to this office fails to confirm that RUBY left Mexi for Habana or arrived in Mexi from Habana by air anytime during 1962.

MEMO from LEGAT to Eoonstra, cc to COS; Subject: OSWALD. - Ref: LEGAT memo dated 13 Jan 64 (para 277 above) - Same background info as para 277 with following additional: ROJAS claimed he could pinpoint the date 14 August 1962 as the day he arrived in Mexi because he sat in seat #14 on the bus and his hotel room was #14 and he arrived in Mexi, by coincidence, on 14 Aug 62. (That day, while waiting in a park near the bus station of the busline Estrellas de Oro, and the hotel where he stayed was in the vicinity, he was contacted by an unidentified individual, who he later learned was a Cuban. He saw this Cuban over a period of two days and this Cuban proposed that ROJAS help him in smuggling Cuban propaganda to Mexico.)
..... / Details on interrogations concerning ROJAS, SOLIS, etc., ended up (page 22 of report from LEGAT) with "On 5 Mar 64, ROJAS, at Guadalupe, Jalisco, continued to maintain that he had met OSWALD at Nuevo Laredo and again later at Cozumel, as he had previously declared; however, subsequently on that day he orally admitted that he had never known or met OSWALD anywhere." / A written, signed statement declaring all information had been false was prepared and signed by ROJAS.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT: Subject: OSWALD. Source produced original of a passenger list or manifest relating to departure No. 2, Bus No. 340, 2 Oct 63, of the Transportes Frontera, S.A. de C. V. bus line, which has its headquarters in Monterrey, N. L. and its Mexi terminal at Buenavista Street No. 7. / The passenger list or manifest was clear evidence that OSWALD had departed from Mexi on the bus connected therewith which left Mexi at 1:00 p.m. and scheduled to have arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, (across border from Laredo, Texas) at 5:30 a.m., 3 Oct 63. / Info on passenger list is handwritten, not complete and not all legible, etc.... (report submitted typed list of passengers, seat number, ticket number and destination, etc.)... Inquiry at Transportes Frontera Bus Terminal - On 5 March 64, Gilberto LOZANO Guizar advised that he is the Manager of the Mexi Terminal of Transportes Frontera Bus Company, Buenavista #7, which has a franchise for "through service" between Mexi, Monterrey and Laredo, but is not permitted to sell tickets or pick up passengers at intermediate localities. / LOZANO said that Transportes Frontera had made a complete study of its records and procedures and has now arrived at the conclusion that the person designated as "OSWALD" on the 2 Oct 63 passenger manifest did not purchase a ticket and could not have traveled on the trip to which it relates. He pointed out that the list of passenger reservations, tickets sold, and passengers actually boarding the bus in Mexi are recorded on the form which is provided for that purpose and is maintained on a clip board on the counter from which ticket sales normally are made by the ticket salesman and dispatcher, Francisco ALVARADO. He admitted that ALVARADO occasionally is assisted during rush hours or a temporary absence from the counter by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ Medina, who may receive and record reservations on the manifest but does not handle the actual manifest of the bus.

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Inacio LOPEZ said he probably wrote "OSWALD" and "LAFED" on the manifest, yet believes OSWALD did not make the trip on 2 Oct.

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308. 19 Mar

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Check Enrique RUIZ Montalvo

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Check VELASQUEZ on KAPLAN case - re: OSWALD, Ferni GONZALEZ, etc.

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opposite Seats Nos. 1 and 3, etc., and possibly other items on the manifest. He acknowledged that he had no personal recollection of OSWALD, could not recognize his photo as being of anyone who had been at the bus terminal, and did not believe that OSWALD had embarked (on the bus of 2 Oct 63). / LOPEZ said that the reservation was made by the individual in person, as he did not recall having received a reservation by telephone from any person (who spoke very little Spanish and that he has no knowledge of English). / LOZANO said his direct service between Mexi and Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. / Inquiry at "Flecha Roja" Bus Terminal Jesus SAUCEDO, Comptroller at the terminal of the Flecha Roja, Mexi, and investigators made a search of manifests with negative results. ... / Inquiry at Transportes del Norte Bus Terminal. Ricardo BELTRAN Medina, Mgr of Mex terminal stated emphatically that records had been searched by agents of the Mexi Presidential Staff, Ministry of Gov., the Federal Judicial Police, and himself, and no record had been located identifiable with OSWALD.

Washington Report - BACKGROUND FOR ASSASSINATION, published by The American Security Council Editorial Staff. (Good reading) Analysis on "why and how" OSWALD's orders could have come from Moscow.

DIR 08574 - Dallas News today carries story to effect that Jack RUBY's lawyer, Mr. Melvin M. HELLI, was interviewed at border en route to Mexico City. Interview does not reveal purpose trip. Pls report any info you can develop on HELLI's activities or significance this maneuver. [redacted] and President's commission extremely interested.

0829 - Enrique RUIZ Montalvo, agent of the Federal Judicial Police, informed that one of his contacts reported in late Feb that Gilberto LOPEZ, US cit, was involved in assassination. According to this contact, LOPEZ entered Mexi on foot from Laredo, Texas about 1200 hours on 13 Nov carrying U.S. passport #319962 issued 13 July 60 and proceeded by bus to Mexi where he entered Cuban Emb. On 24 Nov he left Emb for Cuba on Cuban form 8 No. 24553 at Nuevo Laredo. / RUIZ said could not verify this info, but believed it might be of interest to U.S. Gov. [redacted] files contain no identifiable traces on LOPEZ/LOPEZ. Pls advise results Hqs passport check including bio data on LOPEZ if possible for further checking by [redacted] Station. / Background info re [redacted] contact with RUIZ contained in 2120, 18 Mar being pouched 20 Mar.

MEXI 8737 (REF: DIR 8695 - not in file; not abstracted) - Local radio broadcast morning 18 Mar told of HELLI's trip Mexi and intent visit "old friend" Victor VELASQUEZ. Station notified [redacted] / Station traces on VELASQUEZ: HELLI member of Board (Chairman) of Directors of International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 545 Fifth Ave. N.Y. / Reply to Amb's request for Mexi 1942 and directed drug smuggling for party. Proceeds being used for Falangist propaganda. H-2 report 1945 says "pro-U.S. and no longer has Falangist connections. In interview v/hmb

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Check possible PRIETO Laurens implication

In retrospect, this not true
no good. VELASQUEZ is

311. 20 Mar

312. 20 Mar

Did HELLI make statement on RUBY case later?

313. 30 Mar

314. 31 Mar

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Amb to party for Truman B. TUCKER, N.Y. lawyer listed in letterhead as President of Academy of Trial Lawyers. [redacted] reported Mar 61 that V was behind attacks launched against U.S. lawyers practicing in Mexi and controlled and financed group UNAM students who attacked U.S. lawyers. // V was character reference [redacted] of Jorge PRIETO Laurens, who president of Frente Popular Anticomunista de Mexi and Secret of Confederacion Interamericana de defensa del continente. // In Oct 62 when [redacted] (KIDARER) here from HQS collecting NIS material he visited V whom described as Mexico outstanding criminal lawyer and profound admirer of U.S. Interview lasted 2 1/2 hrs although memo does not reveal in what way V of service. // [redacted] has no record but their inquiries reveal V outstanding and highly respected trial lawyer here. // In absence COS and since [redacted] leaving town 20 Mar for weekend ending [redacted] their ability follow HELLI movements. If nil, will attempt cover via [redacted] surveillance. Will explore other possibilities with [redacted] and [redacted] after his return 23 Mar.

MEXI 8740 (Ref: 0829 - Para 309 above) - Ref info jibes fully with what provided Station by [redacted] early Dec 63. // DIR: Assume [redacted] furnished no further info on Subj after DIR 87188 (not filed - not abstracted)

THE NEWS - Filed By Ruby, HELLI is here - by Jaime Plenn: Melvin HELLI appeared to "public opinion and my fellow lawyers" not to pass judgement on his conduct in the Jack RUBY trial until all "technical details of the trial and the defense are known." // HELLI, discharged as attorney for RUBY, convicted killer of OSWALD, made the statement through a spokesman, VELASQUEZ, well known local lawyer. // The indirect statement followed a reported criticism of HELLI by Walter C. CRAIG of Phoenix, Ariz., American Bar Assn. president. // HELLI arrived last night by train, and checked into a mid-town hotel, and was in contact with VELASQUEZ, the latter said today. // HELLI said he would make a full statement of his position upon his arrival in San Francisco.

THE NEWS - Hidden Side of OSWALD Case, by Ralph de Nodeno: ...Theory on assassination - History and background of time in Moscow, facility in leaving Russia w/a wife, etc. // OSWALD took a trip to Mexico just before the day of the terrible deed. In apparent work of this sort, the direction is always handled by a neighboring country and this is standard operating procedure. // The theory that OSWALD was made does not match his behavior after his arrest. The mad political assassin issue flamboyant justifications of their acts. The trained assassin claims up. This is what OSWALD did. // What OSWALD really was and who his principals were will remain in obscurity unless a new defector brings the story out with him. But certainly, there are enough facts in the dossiers of intelligence services around the world to put together much of the story - as others did in discovering the background of TROTSKY's murder, a man who had much in common psychologically with OSWALD.

MEXICO CITY DAILY BULLETIN (Date-lined Paris, Par 30 AFP) ...A Paris weekly magazine has been publishing a series of extracts from a book by U.S. lawyer Thomas Buchanan - which book found no publisher in the U.S. - which claims that the assassination of John Kennedy was part of a

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Amb Mann was positive.

What did they accomplish?

336: 23 Apr

Check other guests of hotel

If OSWALD was never at the hotel during the day time, why was he never seen with a coat on since he apparently was out at night when it would naturally be chilly.

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b. Eng translations of 2 conversations of 26 Nov between Pres DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERNANDEZ. c. Had me review Silvia DURAN case; they were shown pics of Silvia and husband. d. Had me review case of ALVARADO, the Nib. 8. Visitors asked what actions Mexi Station took beginning 22 Nov. I said we a. Reminded Hqs, Amb Mann and [redacted] locally that we had sent them all (in Oct 63) data on OSWALD regarding visit to Mexi and visits to Sov and Cub Emb. b. Threw all Station assets and sources into job of trying to get all possible details of OSWALD's travel to and from Mexi, place he stayed, contact, etc. c. Stayed in continuous contact with Hqs on leads with [redacted] to coordinate work. d. With Hqs approval, got in touch with Mexi authorities and obtained help in cases -- the outstanding ones being Silvia DURAN and ALVARADO. e. Put coverages on DURAN, KOSIKOV and contact in Mexi with OSWALD. 9. Note; The knew about tel conversations OSWALD had except for [redacted] OSWALD wanted to go to Odeassa, and b. OSWALD wanted a visa for his wife "who was a Russian". 10. They said that Assistant Sec Mann still has the "feeling in his guts" that Castro hired OSWALD to kill Kennedy; they said, however, that the Commission has not been able to get any proof of this. 11. No documents, or photos were given visitors. Eng translations read were kept by Station. They are attached. 12. It is believed that all 3 of these visitors were pleased with Station's work on OSWALD case.

MEMO from LEGAT to COS: Lee Harvey OSWALD. Hotel accommodation of OSWALD in Mexi City. Info verifying OSWALD stayed at Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, in room No. 18. OSWALD registered as "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, USA, TEXAS, PHOTO, US citizen". Owner and manager of hotel, Guillermo GARCIA Luna cooperated with LEGAT, US had FBI laboratory check handwriting of hotel registry of OSWALD with true signature and was found identical. List of names and residences, room numbers and dates of occupancy of those registered at hotel during time OSWALD was there. / GARCIA Luna received OSWALD at Hotel del Comercio at between 1000 and 1100; OSWALD a room No. 18 was 16.00 pesos daily with bath, that the registry book indicates OSWALD stayed at hotel night of 1-2 Oct and departed during the day of 12 Oct 63. GARCIA Luna could not recall circumstances of OSWALD's departure nor the hour. He believed OSWALD neither spoke nor understood any Spanish. He had not observed OSWALD in the hotel during the day and he was never accompanied by any person. He recalled that OSWALD carried a medium-size brown handbag, which had a zipper and was either of Naugahyde or canvas material. He did not remember that OSWALD had ever worn a coat and believed he usually appeared in a short-sleeved shirt of a knit variety. Matilde GARNICA, maid at the hotel del Comercio, recognized photo of OSWALD as being the young American who had occupied room No. 18 for almost a week during the latter part of last year. She arrives at work between 0900 and 1000 and leaves at 2100. Clearly recalls OSWALD, as few Americans stay at the hotel. He had few personal effects, carried in a "small, brown, zippered handbag" canvas or imitation leather material. She had seen OSWALD during the day of his arrival and the following Saturday as he still was in his room when she checked to determine which rooms were available for cleaning. When she saw him in the room on Saturday he said "good morning" in English, and a short time later left the hotel.

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MEXI 9948 (ref: MEXI 9661 - not in OSWALD file; see YATSKOV P-085) During Subject's (Subject is [redacted] 11-12 June 64 trip with Sov Consul Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (KGB), latter mentioned could do favor for Subj and import rifle (free of duty from U.S. for Subj's hunting interests. Subj casually responded that Y could probably order one from KLEIN discount store Chicago. This caused Sov to ask Subj if though OSWALD actually Pres K's assassin. Subj said definitely believed this true badge newspaper accounts. / Y countered saying did not believe OSWALD involved and briefly explained his position by foll: "I met OSWALD here. He stormed into my office and wanted me to introduce and recommend him to the Cubans. He told me that he had lived in the USSR. I told him that I would have to check before I could recommend him. He was nervous and his hands trembled, and he stormed out of my office. I don't believe that a person as nervous as OSWALD, whose hands trembled, could have accurately fired a rifle." / Above is full extent of Y's statement as recalled by Subj who did not try elicit further. ...

LEGAT REPORT (filed in Bulky)

MEXI 0005 (Ref: DIR 30547 - para 353 below) - From 27 Sept 63 [redacted] time late afternoon prior 1700 hours, unidentified Sov male talked with YATSKOVA. Presume male YATSKOV basis endearing terms used. / 28 Sept [redacted] about 0857 hrs: KAZANTSEV speaks with wife, and YATSKOV then talks with KAZANTSEVA. Gist of conversation is that YATSKOV family, accompanied by EAZAROV and KAZANTSEVS, planning day trip (possibly to Cuernavaca) and to depart this date about 1100 hrs. From [redacted] 28 Sept 0952 hrs: Yek and wife and KAZANTSEV seen chatting on terrace. At 1000 hrs Y and wife went into garden. [redacted] did not observe time of Y departure from Emb. 0852 hrs, departed 1416 hrs. [redacted] Sept reports KAZANTSEV, speaking with a visiting Sov, tells Sov call mom 1 Oct and speak with Y. / 1 Oct [redacted] Y entered Emb 0847, left 1416, observed Y at 1104 hrs talking with Valentin Yegorovich BAKULIN and Aleksey Ivanovich GABRASHEV. / 2 Oct: Acc [redacted] entered Emb 0846, left 1106, entered 1120. Departed 1122 with Oleg Pavlovich MOSKVICHEV, entered 1128 with [redacted] departed 1420 with wife. According [redacted] seen with Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV at 0838, seen with Valeriy Aleksandrovich ANDRIANOV at 1000, seen with Moskvichev at 1124, seen with GABRASHEV at 1402. / Feel quite possible that OSWALD spoke with YATSKOV basis 1 Oct 63. [redacted] When OSWALD spoke with OBYEDKOV, OSWALD said had talked with a consul on Saturday, did not name KOSTIKOV. It was OBYEDKOV who asked suggestively if it was K and OSWALD said yes, possibly without thought. Direct HQS attention this transcript. Note however, KOSTIKOV has dark hair, YATSKOV light brown and very grey at temples, giving appearance of almost white hair. Could also well be that OSWALD first spoke with KOSTIKOV who turned OSWALD over to his boss YATSKOV. Also, given the apparent frankness of Y's discussions with [redacted] particularly his views Stalla and Khushchev, would appear possible he told [redacted] truth re OSWALD, at minimum re meeting OSWALD.

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353. 24 June

354. 3 July

See para 344 and 348 above. Where are Annexes to GOM report??

355. 7 July

356. 21 July

357. 31 July

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DIR 30547 (Ref: MEXI 9948 - para 350 above) - Pls check [redacted] and [redacted] records try determine if YATSKOV was in Mexi City during period OSWALD there and if YATSKOV in Sov Emb Sat., 26 Sept, day which OSWALD claimed had visited Emb and talked to consul (MEXI 7025, 23 Nov. - para 32 above). Also cable your views possibility OSWALD could have met YATSKOV rather than or in addition to KOSTIKOV.

AMEMBASSY Incoming Telegram Control #72 - President's Commission considers it absolutely necessary publish documents supplied by GOM (with possible exception Annex 3, reservation sheet of bus company, and Annex 5, except the statements by Mrs. Duran and husband which extremely important to Commission). GOM You requested contact GOM request indicating above. You may wish emphasize that Commission desires publish as much info possible, etc. Report will be published at earliest late July or early August. FBI Substantially all info in documents supplied by GOM had also been supplied Commission by other sources., etc., etc.

NOTE on above: Underlined "other sources" - [redacted] Also, Amb will request from Foreign Minister. Signed COS

DIR 33568 - Call Station attention to DEPTTEL 23 dated 2 July to Mexi (para 354 above) dealing with commission intention publish most of docs received from GOM. Station may wish monitor reply to protect any of its ops interests.

THE NEWS by Holmes Alexander - Double-Check, dated in Washington - Hugh Aynesworth, a friend of Alexander, will publish anything the Commission omits. Aynesworth has been conducting a parallel investigation of testimony. Affidavits and ballistic reports.OSWALD's own words show him in his vacillating loyalty, swinging to the Communists, and then swinging back to his native country. When he was pro-Russian, he took money from the Soviet secret police. When he was pro-American, he was able to raise money for homeward passage at the American Embassy. Aynesworth claimed that the FBI knew OSWALD to be a potential assassin. And FBI agent is quoted as telling the Dallas police on 22 Nov. "We knew he was capable of assassinating the President, but we didn't dream he would do it. etc., etc.

AMEMBASSY Outgoing Telegram, Control 955 - GOROSTIZA told me that GOM has no objection to publication of all documents except statement of Mrs. Duran' (annex 5 mentioned in GOM Note 505503 dated 9 June 1964) (see para 348 - annexes missing). Publication would be embarrassing to GOM because of extensive questioning of Mrs. Duran, etc. / I suggested that another way of handling problem would be for GOROSTIZA to indicate parts of Duran statement, publication of which would be particularly embarrassing to GOM. With view to deleting these from published document. GOROSTIZA agreed to re-read document with this in view....

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401. 21 Oct 64

402. 25 Nov

Who was Informant???

403. 25 Nov

404. 25 Nov

See para 398 on Elena GARRO de PAZ

405. 29 Nov after 1900 hrs

Check John KELLIE file

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THE NEWS - Inside Washington CIA withheld intelligence from Warren Commission - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - "...Despite the commission's written request for all documents that might shed light on the assassination, CIA failed to turn over a national intelligence estimate warning that it is Kremlin policy to remove Western officials who actively oppose Soviet policies, titled 'Soviet Strategic Executive Action'....McCone furnished the Comm with the CIA's secret surveillance reports on OSWALD's eight days in Mexi before assassination, including details of OSWALD's contact with the head KGB agent in the Sov Emb there.... Kix. Investigators also are trying to determine why the CIA in its pre-assassination report to the State Department on OSWALD's trip to Mexi gave details only of the defector's visit to the Sov Emb and not the Cub Emb. CIA did not report the latter visit until after the assassination. (In DCOS handwriting is the note: Who talked to these guys? - about the secret surveillance reports - and Annie G. write: The caller from the Cub Emb was unidentified until HQS sent traces on OSWALD and voices compared by [redacted])

NEW YORK TIMES Plot Idea Studies by Warren Group - Doubts May Remain Despite Exhaustive Examination - 26 volumes of Comm data released yesterday include, lengthy testimony by a member of the John Birch Society.... named Revillo P. Oliver, professor at University of Illinois. "...cover up for Communist Conspiracy".Article carries picture which was shown to OSWALD's mother....Comm found that the picture was of an unidentified man in a foreign country with whom the CIA thought OSWALD might have been associated....Thomas B. Buchanan who wrote "Who Killed Kennedy" and Mark Lane, a N.Y. lawyer who was briefly Mrs. OSWALD's lawyer (mother of OSWALD) Lane declined to disclose name of his alleged informant....

DIR 66600 (ref: DIR 54271 - para 390 above) First picture and remash of "Marguerite's Story" appear on page 19 of 25 Nov issue of N.Y. Times. / FYI: Background in all copies of original photo in Comm's possession obliterated.

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS - Subj: June COBB - On 24 Nov 64 [redacted] reported the foll which he had learned from [redacted] a. The former wife of Octavio PAZ rents a room to an American Communist, June COBB. Mrs. PAZ is afraid of Miss Cobb who broke legs and smashed ribs of a pet cat.... b. COBB is promiscuous and sleeps with men.... / c. Mrs. PAZ believes COBB may have been "planted" on her by Communists.... Mrs. PAZ tried to talk to Robert Kennedy when he was here to tell him she had personally met OSWALD at DURAN's house.... PAZ reported this info to American official of Emb who said he was Warren Comm rep....

Rafael LOZANO with Dudley DURAN. DD just got back. DD talked to TELLO and asked him about OSWALD. OSWALD was here this year. About the OSWALD incident, the roughing up business is nonsense and the reason they rejected the Note of course was because it was not passed in the formal way and was just a rude note. He (TELLO) does not think it was very serious.

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43. 18 Feb 65

44. 10 Mar 65

What connection has MONTENEGRO with this P.O. Box 17

45. 18 Mar

46. 8 Apr
Check name WILLIAM R. BORING (sp??)

47. 8 June

48. 15 June

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25401 (Ref: DIR 88680 - para 258 above) In compliance with Ref, Mexi Sta continues to hold [redacted] hot reels covering Sov and Cub Emb during period 22 Nov - 13 Dec 65. / Sta Mexi would like to know if these reels can now be erased for re-use, or if these should be sent to Hqs for retention.

MEXI 2741 (Ref: DIR 81342 - para 410 above and MEXI 2430 - para 411 above) [redacted] reports P.O. Box of refs is mail address of Almesnes Favier, large French-owned department store in Guadalupe, Mex.

13460 (Ref: 25401 - para 413 & above) Pls forward reels mentioned in ref, with any identifying and explanatory data available, to Hqs for retention. (On copy of despatch to Annie G.'s writing - 1 Apr 65 Shipping reels to Hqs w/microfilm of transcripts.)

MEMO to FBI from [redacted] - A usually reliable source in Mexi City provided me with a copy of an anonymous letter to [redacted] which refers to OSWALD and which is enclosed for your info. / The files of this office contain no info on WILLIAM R. BORING (?? sp??) CSCI 316/01398 65

MEXI 016 (Ref: Hqs 146 - ??) Correct that coverage Sov Emb visitors same as past [redacted] and [redacted]. Correct that [redacted] visitors now rare. / Suggest comment to [redacted] evidence that word has gotten around that [redacted] Mexi aware identities [redacted] visitors to Sov Emb, which probable deterrent to all but extremely naïve. / CURTIS believes wide distribution Warren Comm report on OSWALD case could have caused a decrease in visitors.

Cub Emb Lond distance. Woman Outside (WO) in English informs the Cub Emb there is a long distance call from Chicago for Amb ARMAS. Man Inside (MI) says to wait a moment. Later WO in French asks if ARMAS speaks French. ARMAS says no. WO continues in French and says she is speaking for Sr. GAN (?) of Chicago, in the United States, and continues in the same language asking if Silvia DURAN was a friend of OSWALD, the person who assassinated the President Kennedy. ARMAS does not understand her language, and in Spanish says that Silvia worked for awhile in the Embassy, but quite a while ago she left her work here and has not been seen since. WO continues in French and asks if Silvia returned to Cuba. ARMAS says no that she is a Mexican and therefore resides in Mexico but he does not know her address. WO, in her language, asks if Silvia was a friend of OSWALD. ARMAS, without understanding, says "Si" (saying "Si" to everything) and asks who is talking. WO does not understand, but insists in knowing if she (Silvia) was a friend of OSWALD. ARMAS says si "Gul...Gul... aJa...muy bien. si...si sehorita (it seems that what he is saying is not being understood). WO continues in her language which ARMAS does not understand and says that he knows nothing more and that all he is saying is that "the Sr. DURAN no longer works in the Embassy and I know they don't know her address". / WO again in her language asks if Silvia was a friend of OSWALD and if it is "certain" (she says this in Spanish). ARMAS says "si...sehorita el Sr. WO says thank you. ARMAS says "Thank you".

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457. 14 June 66

458. 16 June

459. 25 June
460. 13 July

Check Elena's friends and story,
Info from him??

THE NEWS - Jury Finds RUBY Same -

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DIR 12633 - Hqs has reviewed advance copy book entitled "Inquest" by Edward J. ESPERIN, subject being assassination... Book in hands major reviewers, to be released sometime June 66. In discussing CIA role in OSWALD investigation, statement is made on page 94 that Warren Comm had picture by CIA purportedly showing OSWALD entering Cub Emb and that picture routinely taken by secret camera from across the street". FYI, this is picture page 638, Vol 16 of Warren Comm... / Since book now in print but not yet on sale, foregoing is advance notice to alert Station for whatever precautionary measures.....

THE NEWS - Lawyers Plead RUBY's Guilt Based on Perjured Testimony

Memo of Conversation - Subject: Further on OSWALD and X Assassination - (Ref: Memo this Subj of 25 Dec 65 - para 427 above) Participants - Elena, Amb Thomas (Pol Officer) - Elena described some developments which may have some bearing on her claim that she saw OSWALD at a party at home of her cousin Ruben DURAN when OSWALD was in Mexico prior to assassination. / Elena said Carlos SOLOZANO is well acquainted with Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas, and that he was not leftist but his brother, ALFONSO was a Communist. Amb HERNANDEZ told SOLOZANO he wanted to meet Elena, so SOLOZANO arranged a party at his own home on 30 June 66 and invited both of them. Also present were, WITO MONTEROSO and his wife; ELVIRA VARGAS, leftist journalist with NOVIEDAS and personal friend of Pres DIAZ Ordaz; EMMANUEL CARBALLO, the pro-Castro writer; JOAQUIN SILES CAMELO, head of publishing firm called Editorial Mortiz; and Juan SORIANO, painter, who was invited to make her feel at ease, since he is a friend of hers and was the only anti-Communist there besides herself. / During evening, Amb HERNANDEZ, whom she described as intelligent and cultured, centered his attention on her..... and expressed interest in her friend, Carlos MADRIZO. He issued a personal invitation to her to attend the annual literary festival of the Casa de las Americas in Havana. She said she was not a Fidelista and would not go unless Juan SORIANO went with her. Amb HERNANDEZ then invited SORIANO but the latter denounced the Castro regime over the objections of the others present.... / Later, her friend, VICTOR RICO Galan who personally dislikes Amb HERNANDEZ warned her not to go to Cuba alone. / On 4 July 66 a driver from the Cub Emb delivered to her home on Calle Alencastre in Lomas Virreyes an envelope containing two letters and some printed matter from the Casa de las Americas in Havana. The first letter, written last October (66?) gave her address as Vermont 38 and the second letter, written in April, gave her address as Vermont 39. The envelope for the first letter, with the above address, was marked for return to the sender, which was the Cub Emb here. The second envelope, which contained the whole pkg, had no address as it was hand carried to her home - see attachments. / Elena stated the only reason the letters were addressed to her at Calle Vermont was because she spent several days at the Hotel Vermont after the assassination. The correct address of the hotel is Vermont 29, so she concluded the Cub Gov carried that street and number, with a minor error, as her regular address. / Since CALVILLO had taken her to the hotel ostensibly to protect her from the Communists, this raised the question of how the Cubans obtained that

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address. She said that the only people who knew she had been at the Hotel Vermont were CALVILLO and two close friends of his, Ernesto de la Peña and Margarita MICHELENA. Two other friends of these three who might have learned of it are Eunice ODILO and June COBB. She has always been suspicious of all three because they went out of their way to cultivate her when she returned from Europe in 1963 and made such a point of being outspoken professional anti-Communists. ... Elena said CALVILLO was a close personal friend of ROE PALOMARES and Pres. DIAZ Ordaz, and that guards, presumably from Gobernacion, had been placed outside her home when she returned from the Hotel Vermont..... Elena thought it possible that the Cub Emb had deliberately given her the letters from the Casa de las Americas with the Vermont Street address in order to frighten her. She was already concerned about what appeared to be three gunshots that had been fired through her upstairs window while she was out of the house three weeks ago. .../ Finally, Elena said she had recently encountered her cousin, Lydia M DURAN, and that the latter had been very friendly and wanted to meet her again. She said Lydia was very poor and had a small job with Dificision Cultural at the Anthropological Museum.

Attached are letters to Elena from the Casa de las Americas.

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THE NEWS - Warren Report Questioned - Richard M. Goodwin made the suggestion (of an independent group to determine whether the Warren Commission investigation was inadequate and defective) in a review printed in Book Week of the book by Edward Jay EPSTEIN entitled "Inquest, the Warren Commission and The Establishment of Truth." ... Goodwin said, "It not only raises questions but demands exploration and answers."

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28 July 66

THE NEWS - New Home for OSWALD's Widow - About Marina and new husband moving

463.

8 Aug

The Warren Commission did not do an adequate investigative job..... It is hard to believe the Commission served the public well. Instead of ending all the rumors, they set the stage for a new, and more serious era of speculation.

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13 Aug

THE NEWS - New Book Due on JFK Case - The third book since the Warren Commission - "Rush to Judgement" by Mark Lane, a New York City lawyer, - "The force of the evidence is inescapable - the case against OSWALD as the lone assassin is refuted by the very witnesses upon whom the commission relied..... the FBI report devastates the commission's conclusions that all of the shots were fired from the rear and that they were fired by a lone assassin." COPY NO. 92

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500. (continued) 18 Jan 67
Check DORKINS - similarity to OSWALD ??
Is DORKINS the "twain" in the "double
OSWALD" theory ??

501. 19 Jan 67
502. 21 Jan
503. 24 Jan 67

Read attachments

504. 24 Jan 67
505. 26 Jan
506. 30 Jan
507. 31 Jan

which the letter relates to the uncompromising attitude of Pres Johnson. It is felt that DORKINS may have authored this letter. / Mrs. Marguerite OSWALD, mother of OSWALD, knows DORKINS and was in contact with him in Nov 66. She claims that he is very similar to her late son and that some of the travel activity attributed to her son might have actually applied to DORKINS. / You are requested to advise if you have any record indicating that Subj has been a visitor to the Soviet Club Emb or has attempted to use their Consular facilities to arrange travel to the Soviet Union. Additional descriptive data concerning him will be furnished to you when available. / You are further requested to authorize dissemination suitably paraphrased language with the source completely protected. DORKINS was in contact with the Club Emb, Mexi.

COS answer to IECAR was Memo #11,499 (not in OSWALD file) dated 23 Feb 67 (from request of 18 Jan 1971). The files of this office contain no info regarding Subj in addition to that contained in my memo dated 17 Nov 66. / You are authorized to disseminate to the intelligence community of the U.S. Gov that Subj was in contact with the Club Emb in Mexi.

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD Wrongly Called Crazy (criticized the Manchester book, Death of a President).

THE NEWS - German Court Postpones Ruling on Book's Suit

BOOK DISPATCH 5847 (9 attachments h/v - 1 SECRET 8 Unclassified) TO Certain Stations and Bases, from Chief, [redacted] Subject: Countering Criticism of the Warren Report. PSYCH 1. Our Concern...Increasing challenge to the Warren Commission's report...2. Trend of opinion is a matter of concern to the U.S. Gov including our organization...3. Action: We do not recommend that discussions of the assassination question be initiated, however addressees are requested: a. To discuss...b. To employ propaganda...4. In private or media discussion...the following arguments should be useful: a. No significant new evidence...b.c.d.e.f.g...5. Where possible, counter speculation by encouraging reference to the Commission's Report itself....

THI SOL: - Two Years Nine Months OSWALD spent in Germany in USSR; What Influences Moved his Impeachment? by Jesus Penitez

THE NEWS - Der Stern Oka Duts in JFK Book (re: Death of a President)

THE NEWS - by Joseph N. Gitzel - Mart Lane Challenges Warren Report and Lawyer Takes Issue With Lane and OSWALD Victim's Widow Remarks (Policeman TIPPETT's wife)

THE NEWS - by Art Buchwald - The Manchester Story; also, W. Vanebel's Jacqueline's legal fees over Manchester will be fully. Father-in-law picking up tab.

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Whitehall L-5601. / This development would connect OSWALD with both SHAW and RUBY. / The man GARRISON now wants most to find is a Latin, likewise revealed, whom GARRISON has traced back to the Bay of Pigs debacle.

32103 - Ref: 15448 (para 601 above) - The prints forwarded to HQS in Ref. were taken of a person leaving the Soviet Embassy. The negatives of these prints are in the Station files.

THE NEWS - By SHAW Trial Judge - Contempt Warning Cited -

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Some Facts About OSWALD Still Unanswered -

THE NEWS - Taylor Tripper (about above article in which Taylor said OSWALD left New Orleans about noon on a bus and reached Mexi City the next morning, which is an impossible task.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Says RUBY Part of Conspiracy - GARRISON alleged that SHAW made a trip to the Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge in the fall of 1963 and met with RUBY and OSWALD and supplied them with funds...

32243 - to C/WHED, Subject: [redacted] report dated 26 May 67. The fact HQS attention is called to paragraphs 3 through 5 of [redacted] that Silvia DURAN had sexual intercourse with OSWALD on several occasions when the latter was in Mexi City is probably new, but adds little to the OSWALD case. The Mexi police did not report the extent of the DURAN-OSWALD relationship to this Station. ///Att: [redacted] trying to keep active certain contacts with him several times since she liked him from the start. She admitted that she had sexual relations with him but insisted that she had no idea of his plans. When the news of the assassination broke she stated that she was immediately taken into custody by the Mexi police and interrogated thoroughly and beaten until she admitted that she had had an affair with OSWALD. She added that ever since then she has cut off all contact with the Cubans, particularly since her husband Horacio, who was badly shaken by the whole affair, went into a rage and has forbidden her to see them.

THE NEWS - FBI Never Investigated Clay SHAW

MEMO on Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV prepared by [redacted] YATSKOV has stated that he talked to OSWALD when he was in Mexico (ca. 20 Sept 63), and that he believed OSWALD was too nervous a person to have been able to shoot Pres. K (Source: [redacted])

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607. (continued) 29 May 67

Who is the "Latin" ?

608. 29 May

609. 30 May

610. 31 May 1967

611. 2 June

612. 6 June

Was this been proved?

613. 13 June

Check validity of LTRING's

OSWALD and SILVIA had an affair

Why didn't Mexi police give us all info?

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614. 3 June

615. 12 June

same info as para 592 above

YATSKOV - early contact

638. 13 July 67

639. 13 July

Has this been checked?

Check Dennis Lynn HARPER

others?

640. 16 July

641. 24 July

642. 30 July

643. 8 Aug

Check Bill MENDRA - early contact

Check Sam LEPTO

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THE NEWS - GARRISON Gets "Equal Time" Spot -
MEXI 2124 - 1. In classified note to Station 8 July, AmConsul, William Harper, in Florida, reported following: A Army retired seaman Joseph HARPER now in Florida was aboard Farrel Jones Freighter African Dawn April 67 in Bar Es Salham when that ship unloaded considerable crates freight to barge from which it was loaded on Cub vessel berthed 200 yards away. Harper describes HARPER as alert, intelligent experienced seaman / B American citizen. Dennis Lynn HARPER describing self as armed forces vet on 100 percent disability pension. told Harper that a Robert BROWN, Box 669 Boulder, Colo, whom he knew previously when teaching English to Cuban refugees in school run by JIM DIXON in Miami visited him at his (HARPER's) parent's home in Omaha and questioned him using concealed tape recorder about several Americans who had worked at Miami school: Bob EX BROWN, Ed COLLINS, William SEYMOUR, Leonard HALL, and JIM HARGRAVES. He also showed HARPER photo of David FERRELL mixed up in New Orleans investigation of Pres K's death and asked if he knew him. HARPER claims to have translated for BROWN book by Cub officer, Alberto BAYO entitled "One Hundred Fifty Questions for Guerrilla Fighter" published by Panther publications. Also claims worked Berlitz school New York. In view apparent robust physical health, Harper suspected HARPER be affected with some sort psycho-neurosis K/ 2. Believe para 1B info should be passed to [redacted].

THE NEWS - Three Assassins in JFK Conspiracy Says GARRISON

Memo to Director, FBI in Washington, Subj: OSWALD - memo reports info in paras 634, 635 above

THE NEWS - Connally Write on Own Account of Assassination

15695 to COS, Subj: Possible Mexican Ramifications of Assassination of Pres K -
1. An informant alleges that "quite some time" before the assassination, OSWALD met in Mexi City with a member of [redacted] whose alias was [redacted]. The latter's true name was not known to the informant. Would you please advise whether the name [redacted] is known in any context? We assume there is no connection with IDENTITY but would appreciate your comments / 2. Another [redacted] report included a statement to the effect that one Sam LEPTO, News Dept, WAVE Television, New Orleans claimed to have received info that GARRISON might try to connect an ex-Nazi now living in Mexi City with the assassination. The ex-Nazi was supposedly active in the propaganda field and was also depicted as "one of the heads of [redacted] in Mexi". Can you surmise who might be the identity of this incongruous description?

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James HICKS - early contact ?

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Jack M HELM - early contact ?

Jules Rocco KIMBLE - CIA involvement ?

What was in the safe deposit box (to be revealed during next month's trial of Clay SHAW - GARRISON has key to box) who is Walter SHERIDAN - why did Robert K counsel him not to talk to go to Canada?

Harold WEISBERG - early contact ?

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Perhaps we should query Jeanne DIXON ?????

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THE NEWS - GARRISON Subpoenas 4th Man - ...GARRISON subpoenaed a federal civil service employee he said "may have special knowledge of the assassination." James HICKS, a civilian employee at Vance Air Force Base in Elkhart, Okla. HICKS was at the scene the day Kennedy was shot, and may have special knowledge concerning details of the assassination with respect to its planning and execution as well as personnel employed in the assassination. HICKS said, "I saw everything."

SEN WQA - GARRISON Begins to Attract Attention - by Paul Scott - ...Attention of these congressional probes centers around GARRISON's interest in and handling of (1) an official of the Ku Klux Klan and (2) a former congressional committee employee, who has given secret testimony before the New Orleans Grand Jury... The KKK official involved in GARRISON's investigation is Jack M. HELM, former exalted cyclops of the New Orleans unit of the United Klans of America, and now head of an independent KKK group which he organized. Summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Jan 66 during the committee's probe of the KKK, he was an uncooperative witness. ...GARRISON began his probe of HELM on a tip from Jules Rocco KIMBLE, a self-avowed member of the KKK, who also claimed he once worked special assignments for the CIA. The CIA denies and GARRISON claims he will prove KIMBLE's reported that on the day after the death of David PERLIT, he drove HELM to PERLIT's apartment. HELM then came out with a suitcase full of papers which, KIMBLE says, the KKK official then placed in a bank safe deposit box. KIMBLE said that Walter SHERIDAN, former Justice Department trouble shooter for the then Attorney General Robert Kennedy, once counseled him not to talk to anyone and to go to Canada. ...The former congressional employee whose furnishing of information to GARRISON has interested congressional probes is Harold WEISBERG, author of books on the assassination, attacking the Warren Commission, the FBI and CIA. ...WEISBERG is the same man who testified in 1940 before a House committee that he bought forged documents in an attempt to link the Dies committee on the attorney general's subversive list. The documents were used in an abortive attempt by a Michigan congressman to smear the Dies committee, forerunner of the present House Committee on Un-American Activities. Records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee also show that WEISBERG was dropped from the staff of the late Senator La Follette's Special Investigating Subcommittee for leaking subcommittee confidential information. ...In WEISBERG's book on the assassination, he contends that OSWALD was framed by an impersonator. Congressional probes are now checking WEISBERG's long-time contacts in the CIA and State Dept, including several persons who transferred to those agencies from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) after World War II.

THE NEWS - NEWS Pearl Gets Letter on GARRISON - by Pearl Gonzalez - ...GARRISON will be proven accurate in his plot charges. Predicted Jeanne Dixon, noted Wash. D.C. seeress who predicted the assassination. ...What I pick up psychically is... Mrs. Dixon further enlarged on her GARRISON prediction by saying that a woman was a key figure in the assassination. She might be revealed by the investigation going on in New Orleans soon this year. She PAMEL also said GARRISON will be rewarded in his probe by the loss of power and money from outside sources. ...GARRISON will come out in my court.